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New class is largest ever; enrollment breaks 2000

Class of 583 is 58 more than target

By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

The College accepted and enrolled record numbers of students for a third straight year, pushing enrollment over 2,000, including students studying abroad.

With a very visible class size of 583 students on campus, people can look at an unprecedented success in a highly selective admissions process.

In addition to the large number of students, the admissions can report that this class came from the highest number of applications for class spots, with

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Freshmen take a break from their first week of classes last Wednesday with Sand Art in Parents' Plaza. It was sponsored by MAC.

Clubs arrange for vote drive

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Student leaders will gather Tuesday for a "presidential dinner" organized by Senior Jodi Siegel and College President Arthur R. Taylor.

The purpose of the dinner, according to Siegel, is to organize the clubs and for it to be "the start of building coalitions."

Siegel hopes that in the future, clubs and other organizations will team up to wield more influence as a group.

One way the college is seeking to increase its power is through a voter drive designed to get students who live in Allentown to register to vote in its district rather than in their home districts.

If organizations are successful in registering a strong number of voters in the district, col-

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ATO questions College role in effecting ban

Cites poor judgment and planning

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor in Chief

The College's decision to withdraw recognition from the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity has been met with stiff criticism both from ATO officials here, the College's Alpha Iota Board of Trustees and the National fraternity. Their charter has been subsequently revoked by the National fraternity, and has resulted in granting alumni status to the current senior and junior class members, and has left an empty house at 2302 Chew Street.

Administration officials say they warned members of the fraternity of possible dismissal in a letter written by the ATO National fraternity and the College in the summer of 1999. The fraternity was informed that it was on probation for the next year and would not be apart of the College community if it didn't meet expectations and obey the College's social code, alcohol policy and if it didn't refrain from hazing.

"The fraternity did not meet those expectations, and they had to face the consequences," said Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, who also noted that ATO did have the most community service hours of any fraternity last year. "But they can't hide behind the fulfillment of one expectation," he explained.

ATO is welcome to reinstate once all the members have graduated, and the fraternity will be substance-free.

The President of ATO, Senior Rob Schmidt, claims that the fraternity was not given any warning by the College nor by the National fraternity of the possibility for removal from campus.

"We worked with Nationals, the ATO Board of Trustees and administration all year, and were never once told if we didn't do something or did do something it would result in being kicked off campus."

All fraternity members have either received off-campus housing or are housed on campus and will be treated just like every other student, Ehrenberg

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"I really enjoy being able to walk across campus and carry on a conversation with a total stranger."
Kim Fredericks, Great Neck, N.Y.

"Don't take anthropology."
Jason Herbert,
Basking Ridge, N.J.

"It's overwhelming at first, but it gets easier."
Matt McGlaughlin,
Springfield, Pa.

"I had a really fun orientation, met a lot of new people, and it was a very smooth transition."
Rachel Miller, Baltimore, Md.

First weekend welcomes freshmen to campus

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Arthur R. Taylor, President of the College, capped the 2000 orientation weekend and officially opened the 153rd academic year last Sunday at opening convocation with a pointed speech to freshmen on adulthood, responsibility and ethical dilemmas.

"Staying out all night does not make you an adult. Having sex does not make you an adult," he cautioned. "The road to responsibility is there for you to take."

Taylor stressed that each individual must be responsible for each action he or she takes. One subtheme on that is taking responsibility for one's own education.

"It's not enough to say, 'I'll speak up when I have something to say.' Your job is to have something to say," he said.

He addressed ethical dilemmas and asked the students before him to adhere to the College's beliefs and values.

"We are a caring community: we do not hurt others, we do not hurt ourselves, and we do not do anything illegal," he said in his address. "We want this college to be an ethical college—a decent college."

The opening convocation, held every

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Letter to the Editor

ATO refutes judgment

To The Editor:

I write this letter to inform those who are not educated on the recent matters of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. I write to you as the President of ATO and just because we are no longer "recognized" does not mean ATO is not alive, for its impact will never die.

Many people decide to join fraternities and sororities, others take the independent path. My fraternity experience in ATO was possibly one of the best in my life and I would not give it up for the world. The friendships, bonds, and memories will never diminish. Many of my brothers, like myself, devoted their lives to the house and in a sense Muhlenberg took away part of my life.

I came to Muhlenberg for its prestigious academics with the belief that the social life was good also. At fraternity parties as a freshman, the only extent of the campus cracking down on partying was putting your beer down on the floor as Campus Safety walked through. As the years have progressed, Muhlenberg wants to be stricter thus lessening the social life on campus. Last year we were the fortunate fraternity to get a Live-in Advisor. Why only us, Muhlenberg? Do the other fraternities have Live-ins now as you promised? Your plan didn't quite work the way you wanted, in hopes for the Live-in to find illegal activity going on in our house. How is it remotely possible for some of these allegations to have occurred with a man of Administration living with us? All fraternities had to hire security officers at each party to watch for underage drinking and other illegal activities. We also had personal visits from Administration and Campus Safety to check up on us and make sure we were being "good little boys." This shows how students are treated like children instead of the adults we are, leaving no room for self-responsibility. With all these restrictions and safe guards the campus has made, alcohol violations should have been at a minimum and underage drinking should have become obsolete. Yes, we were punished for *one* alcohol violation, as were other fraternities here at Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg, we abided by your rules and partook in risk management, yet you try, and essentially suffocate the social life here by constantly getting stricter.

So the big question is, why did we get kicked off campus, or excuse me, "lost recognition." Let me clear up all rumors and set people straight. This is a private institution where the laws from the real world do not seem to have any power. In our situation, it is the school's word against ATO's word. We are not rapists nor do we sexually abuse women. Since I have been in ATO, no brother has been brought up on charges, nor punished for rape. After an investigation of hazing, it was determined that there was an isolated incident involving a brother and a pledge. The individual was punished for his actions. All other hazing allegations contained neither truth nor evidence. The so-called assault charges filed against an ATO brother in connection with the eviction of a trespasser was dismissed by an Allentown judge. There was an incident when our fire alarm systems broke down and were disarmed for one night while a security officer was hired for our protection. The system could not be turned backed on until a repairman was available. Administration and Campus Safety told us we could stay in our house as long as the fire equipment was fixed as soon as possible.

For all of these embellished allegations, there is unsubstantiated supporting evidence; however on this campus, you are not "innocent until proven guilty," but you are "guilty until proven innocent," even if you

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Caring college no more

New buildings, constant construction expansion, crowded Garden Room lines at peak hours, not to mention GC, all because of the deluge of new students on Muhlenberg's campus. Not that they are not welcome, but the unprecedented number of new students this year somewhat jibes with the "Caring College" philosophy that Muhlenberg carries so close to its heart. How can the College possibly adhere to its small community feel with nearly 2000 students clamoring to get through the Red Doors?

The numbers have been soaring rapidly in an amazingly short amount of time. Since this year's senior class began applying to Muhlenberg, the College's enrollment has increased nearly 20%, whereas most other colleges remain basically the same size. So *what*, you may ask? The College simply does not have the space or the land to grow this much in size! Are Admissions allowing so many students to enroll in order to gain money through our tuition fees, therefore needing to hire new faculty, which in turn keeps class size at a minimum and offers an excuse to build new buildings and expand development? This is a circular argument that is not even close to being answered.

The College never actually explained the surge in applicants...is it because our standards have been raised? Is it because we are getting better reviews in *U.S. News and World Report*? Is it only because of

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Lack of ethics in American politics

Lucas Tomanelli
Opinion Columnist

I am a man of ideals. I believe in living for and working for the common good of man. I am young. In fact, I am not even of legal age to consume alcohol. However, I am educated, and I believe that as a young man, I am witnessing the moral and idealistic decay of what used to be a great nation.

For years now, America has been economically robust. Employment rates are the highest they've ever been, and our educational institutions are crammed with young Americans who hope to one day prosper like their parents. However, economic prosperity is no longer something that can symbolize the success of the American people.

In my eyes, the American system is crumbling. Our country is no longer governed by the principles of freedom from oppression and equality upon which it was founded. Instead, America's fate is in the hands of politicians who gain positions in government by belittling each other's efforts in front of the American public. They claim that their own political aspirations are what will truly bring our "great nation" to a state of stability that it has never before seen. However, once an American President is elected, all claims of national betterment are discarded; for the American President is no longer a servant of the people. Instead, he is just another politician who uses his position in office to abuse the responsibilities and opportunities afforded to him, while he claims to be solving the difficulties and inequalities of our country.

As an example, one must look at the upcoming presidential election between Republican Governor George W. Bush of Texas and Democrat Vice President Al Gore. For the most part, the Presidential race is close, close enough that the Republican Governor and the vice president are in a dead heat (according to recent polling data). As a young American who has, for the first time been given the opportunity to vote, I have been doing some serious research into who I feel would do the better job as the chief servant of the American people. Much to my surprise, neither of the two major candidates fulfill my expectations of what an American president should be.

Houston, Texas is a city occupied heavily by companies that thrive in the areas of chemical production, and engineering. Over the course of the past ten years, reports of abnormal sickness (e.g., skin diseases, kidney infections, and many cases of asthma) in the Houston area have skyrocketed. Many Texans are convinced that this trend is due to the thousands of pounds of hazardous gases that the chemical plants release into the atmosphere every year. Despite massive efforts by the people of Houston to be heard (and other areas in Texas), almost none of these efforts have been answered by governor Bush. Why not? I am no expert on this matter, but, it is no secret that for decades, large corporations, unions, and other politically oriented groups have been pouring millions of dollars into American Presidential campaigns in exchange for the president's blind eye to the wrong doings and injustices committed by these "groups."

Could Bush be turning a blind eye to his "fellow Americans" because his campaign will benefit from the financial generosity of the Houston chemical corporations? Hmmm, seems pretty logical to me. (Taken from Rolling Stone Magazine, and http://web.lexis-nexis.com/univ)

Vice President Gore, despite his "campaign rhetoric" towards pollution rates in Texas, is no poster boy for political ethics either. Just recently, Attorney General Janet Reno made an appearance on Capitol Hill to answer questions regarding an investigation into certain "fund raising" techniques of Mr. Gore's during his Vice Presidency. Similar to George W. Bush's case, accusations towards Mr. Gore are also nothing new. In April of 1996, Mr. Gore was questioned by members of the Justice Department's Campaign Finance Task Force regarding the nature of his fundraising, only to respond with answers that "were not satisfying to investigators."

For example, questions were raised towards Mr. Gore for attempting to drop barriers on trade with China; "for participation in fund raisers at a Buddhist temple in California in 1996; for his role in coffees and other fund-raising social events at the White House;" and for many other roles that the Vice President supposedly played that could've financially contributed to his campaign (http://web.lexis-nexis.com/univ).

So, with all this newly found information, how do we view the upcoming Presidential hopefuls? Why are these two men so content on being the next President of the United States? We will probably never know. However, one must look at the facts. Both Bush and Gore have approached the upcoming election in a manner that is unethical by putting a majority of their efforts into fundraising, instead of what they should be focusing on; the well being of their "fellow Americans."

If Bush was really the right man for the job, he would have already put restrictions on the emission of hazardous chemicals into the atmosphere; and if Gore was right for President, he would be not be dropping trade barriers with China for the benefit of his campaign. Yes, there is a possibility that Gore is working on dropping the barriers of trade because he hopes for the well being of the Chinese economy, but to me, that possibility doesn't seem realistic.

I am not suggesting that both candidates would do insufficient jobs as President. What I am saying is that they are being unethical, and immoral by focusing on the wrong things. I know how elections work, and I know that campaign finance is a very important aspect of making it to office. However, both candidates are sending a negative message to Americans by going about the election in such a manner; that money, and greed are ways to come out on top in American politics.

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Further corporate pollution of politics?

Priscilla Begin
Opinion Columnist

Here comes yet another dot com...one would think that after so many the human mind would tend to run out of ideas. Although this one will indirectly affect the rest of your life, you will probably never have contact with or interest in this site, unless you become one of the many young internet millionaire CEOs.

The site is called PAC.com, a group of young internet start up company millionaires who have recently become interested in politics. This is how it works: a group of CEOs comprised of the heads of various internet companies, such as Red Gorilla, Excite, E-Loan and E*Offering, have come up with a new way to give large amounts of money to political parties. Members start out by giving $1000 cash each month to a politician of their choice. But here's the twist... members will also give the politician stock in their newly public companies to mature over time for the politician to do with it whatever he or she pleases.

Now, as apolitical as some of you may be, this idea sounds a little sketchy. These CEOs are giving political figures major stake in their companies so that the politicians will have a vested interest in the future of these corporations. The concept of giving stock to a government official seems explicitly illegal. The job of an elected official is to serve and respond to the will of the people. When this politician is getting stock options from various internet corporations, he or she will be much more likely to cast aside the small family farmer in favor of an expanding dot com. To clear things up a little, here is an example.

If, in 1996, the CEO of Excite had given just $1000 worth of stock to a politician, three years later, that amount would have been worth $15,992. Instead of the dollar losing value over time with inflation, this money multiplies, enabling the politician to sell the stock at any time.

Politics and business have always been directly related, more so in the last half of the century than ever before because of the importance of money in a political campaign. This idea might have an adverse effect on voter turnout. Citizens often feel dwarfed by corporate America and the direct relationship between money and politics. This is exactly the reason why more Americans need to vote.

Instead of standing to the side complaining about the governmental actions or the amount of money spent on political campaigns, people must become more active: with the baseline method of action being voting specifically for students. College students are automatically disadvantaged when it comes to voting.

The fact that most students go to school far from home means that they have to send away for absentee ballots. This method of voting is slow and archaeic, often times students call for these ballaots months ahead of the eleltion only to recieve them barely in time to cast a vote. Students generally feel a lack of impact upon the political system, a sentiment that is merely reinforced by the presence of the absentee ballot.

As difficult as it is for students who are far from home to vote, it must be done to negate the influence of corporations over the government and individual lives. People like the CEO of Red Gorilla rely on the apathy of students as a key factor in their control over national politics. A vote is one of the fundamental rights of citizenship and should not be cast on a matter of convenience. Become empowered, prove to corporate America that students cannot be bought and cast a vote in this year's election.

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Weekly Discourse: The Napster Case

Sharing or theft? Personal use or copyright infringment?

Napster of puppets

David Rosenstraus
Guest Opinion Columnist

I don't have Napster. So why would I be writing an article about Napster? Because I'm not writing as a college kid sitting behind my computer in a little cubical of a dorm room downloading music. I am writing as the person who is having his song downloaded. So the question is, "How do you feel about your music being distributed without receiving a royalty check in return?" My answer is that I like it. Who can argue with free exposure?

Apparently some people have a problem because of the recent court hearings that stemmed from upset artists. I personally do not care about the possibility that someone will not buy a CD and instead get it for free. The way I look at is that music was not meant to be an entity that is bought and sold. People should not decide to get a certain band on the cost of the album. It is not like food where the products are virtually the same, and the choice is made by which is the better bargain. It is true that a band has to make a living. That is really the only point in selling merchandise and copying writen songs. In all honesty most of a band's funding does not come from selling CDs, as it does from other types of merchandise. I also feel that buying a CD and having its music is different. The CD is the physical art that the band produces. Really, it is not the music part that is being bought when an album is sold, because that part can be gotten for free. The music can be obtained easily with CDRs and blank tapes. With a CD you get lyrics, drawings, and a personal look into a band's life.

What Napster is doing by distributing free music isn't hurting a band. Most likely it is a bonus for a band to have their music available for free. If a person gets a song off the Internet and enjoys it, that would convince them to see the band live. For most bands a show is more enjoyable when there is more audience participation. If people are familiar with the song and their lyrics and sing along or dance it makes the band look a million times better. Other onlookers would see how stimulating this band is to people and the performance might convince them to buy something or at least tell their friends about the band. Anyway you look at it, something good will come of people who download your songs and like them. It is a cycle that is improved by the existence of Napster. I feel Napster is good for the artist and is a helpful tool for free exposure, which no artist would say, "No" to.

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Wild wild Napster

Alison Hinks
Guest Opinion Columnist

It's high noon, cowboy. The shootout has begun, and the good guy is destined to come out on top even though the last bullet just went through the rim of his hat. Napster was shut down on July 26 by U.S. District Court Judge Marilyn Hall Patel for "encouraging wholesale infringing" against record industry copyrights. As citizens of this pueblito that is the Internet, we should thank that man in white for the revolution he has begun. And that revolution will not end even if he is shot down today. Our musical, political, and economic lives can only improve because what Napster started just won't die.

The Internet was created in hopes that speech would be free everywhere, not just in countries where the constitution recommends it. Imagine a dirty little room in a third world country where a person unfairly persecuted by their government could set up and run a netpaper displaying his views. I hope his government isn't monitoring his online activities. The American Government has certainly decided that it is the proper authority to monitor what is very nearly true anarchy; a true state of nature. Not only is that an amazing experiment to witness, but an important thing to preserve. By trying to monitor internet activity, the American government not only threatens to destroy this amazing experiment, but treads closer and closer to supreme control over all aspects of our lives. Monitoring the Internet is like watching us all on the telescreens in our own homes. It seems that the entire case should be moot since Napster is an online clearinghouse and shouldn't be monitored anyway. And Napster even has laws on their side: they claim that their clearinghouse cannot be considered a copyright violation because it merely allows fans to copy music just as they would onto a cassette tape, which is legal.

Seen a Walmart recently? What the music industry tries to give you nowadays is like buying a Walmart product: Walmarts are everywhere and relatively cheap, and although they may not have everything we want, the price is right. Similarly, the music industry has honed with precision their test-tube baby brands. With the success of Britney Spears and similar "artists," the industry can create and control a money-making machine. It is like we are buying a socialist product. We get one choice, take it or leave it. There is no variety and no ingenuity, because it must please the masses. It is not cost effective to sign bands that are new and different because they would only please a small num-

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Napster opponents misguided

Daylin Leach, Esq.
Guest Opinion Columnist

Napster. Just the word conjures up and summarizes an entire debate about freedom of expression, the free flow of information, protection of intellectual property, and the future of music. In the few months that Napster has existed, it has ignited a fierce debate, and stricken fear in the hearts of record executives everywhere. Is that fear justified? Well, the short answer is...no.

Basically, Napster is an introduction service. I have some obscure Santana song (if you have some obscure Backstreet Boys song, do the world a favor and keep it obscure). I am willing to allow you to record that song off of my computer. Napster puts you and I together. No music is ever possessed by or exchanged through Napster directly. They simply make it convenient for you and I to find each other and do our business.

Record executives and some overpaid musicians claim that this is an infringment on their copyright of the songs copied. They are wrong. Congress, in response to an obvious need, passed something popularly known as the "Fair Use Act." This allows me to, for example, record a song off of a CD I bought onto a tape for my wife to listen to in her car. It also allows us to make a collection of songs as a running tape (those who have seen me running through campus know I can use all of the inspiration I can get) and to lend that running tape to a friend. The law says that I can make copies of copyrighted music for others so long as I don't do it for commercial purposes. In other words, I can't sell, or otherwise make money from the copies I make. Napster users exchange everything for free, no money changes hands. Thus, this falls squarely within the Fair Use Act.

There is, however, a larger argument than Napster's legality. The fact is that those fighting Napster are actually being counterproductive to their own interests. Why? Because if allowed to continue, Napster will increase, rather than decrease the record company profits. This is because most people use Napster to sample music. I hear the new David Gray CD is good, I download a couple of songs, like it, and go buy it. Why not just download the whole thing? For several reasons: First, it's a pain to do that. It may be hard to even find all the songs. The whole CD takes up a lot of room on my computer, and I don't get the lyrics and cover art. I would offer two pieces of evidence for the proposition that Napster increases record sales.

First, studies show it does. Napster users, according to one study, actually buy 1.6 CDs for every 1 CD bought by an individual who does not use Napster. Second, 80% of artists *support* Napster. Almost all new and young artists do, as do established artists like the artist formally known as Prince. There are opponants, but I would contend that Metallica and others just don't get it.

The fact is, that competition from new technologies has always been beneficial to the old technologies, despite initial fears. Musicians were scared to death of radio. Why would anyone pay to see music when you could hear it for free? But now, more people go to concerts than ever before, because of radio.

Movies feared television. But the same thing happened, movies are doing better than ever. Someday, we will all scratch our heads and wonder what the fuss was all about. Until then, Napster on.

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ATO speaks out

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are allowed to have a trial to defend yourself. The unfair system this college runs can be clearly seen by what happened to my fellow fraternity brother and previous ATO President. After a judicial review of an Administrator, faculty member, and three student peers, a punishment of not being able to walk on the stage at graduation was overruled by a higher Administrator who was not present at the hearing. After reading over the case and its verdict, this Administrator imposed the a ridiculously unfair punishment. His punishment consisted of not being able to graduate, as well as his entire semester of credits taken away. To add insult to injury, he was not allowed to take another class for an entire year. Unfair, discriminatory; whatever you want to call it, it was unnecessary.

The way the fraternity system is supposed to work involves three parties: the fraternity, the College, and the nationals of that fraternity. The three parties are to work together to resolve problems and make changes as needed. This was not the case for us. Muhlenberg had made the decision to withdraw recognition of our fraternity without even contacting the other two parties or even making an attempt to resolve the so-called problems. After a meeting with the President of ATO National and the President of our Board of Trustees, to Muhlenberg's dismay, neither party agreed with their decision. Does this then mean that the President of the ATO National Fraternity does not know what he is doing in his job, when he works with extremely good and bad fraternities daily across the country?

I am sorry this took so long to explain but it needed to be done. It is my duty as the President of ATO to clear up the names of my fellow brothers and myself from these slandering and these appalling allegations and stereotypes. In all reality, people that want and get to know us know that we do not stand out as rebels from other fraternities at Muhlenberg or in the country. We are not inconsistent with other fraternities and sororities on campus; Muhlenberg only tried to make it look that way. Truthfully, many ATO brothers are assets to Muhlenberg and the community. We have captains of sports teams, athletes, coaches from everything as far as little league wrestling to high school football, Residential Assistants, Student Advisors, Cardinal Key members, the Greek Leader of the year, and many more; not to forget the numerous community service events we took part in, totaling nearly 500 hours. Muhlenberg, you have hidden these men's great qualities with your alleged illegal accusations. Our cook for ten years with two children, which due to your acts is now unemployed. She would like to say "Thank You!" This is Muhlenberg College, that you pay roughly $26,000 a year to go to. I do understand that academics come first, although a social life is needed too. Muhlenberg has not only affected us and ruined our lives but has possibly affected your social life as well. I guess Muhlenberg thinks drinking and driving from bars is a safe alternative to walking a block home. By writing this letter I place myself open to criticism from the College and others. However, I needed to defend the dignity and pride for my fraternity and my brothers because it is very disturbing to be accused of such degrading allegations, which are not true. We were not angels and we have been punished for some minor things, but our mistakes are not remotely close to how Muhlenberg made them seem, nor did we deserve this kind of punishment.

Robert W. Schmidt Jr.
President, Alpha Tau Omega

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please a small number of people. Eventually this leads to just one type of music at one time. However, Napster allows the consumers to choose exactly what they want to hear.

So the music industry's little grinder-box monkeys go out and collect a bundle in their little tin cup, but would never revolt. They are easily replaceable. More temperamental artists (and arguably, artists who will fight the industry to make music that can't be played on a synthesizer) are not welcome in this environment.

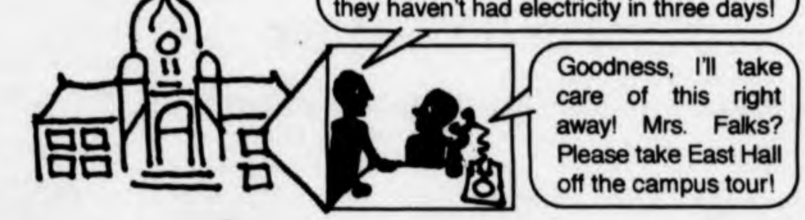
A great mass of our society will just take whatever big businesses offer them. I know in my town the residents would rather buy an alarm clock they don't like that is badly made from Wallmart than drive forty minutes to a smaller, more quality driven store.

With Napster, we have a chance to reclaim the quality music we want to hear. By eliminating the middleman we make it impossible for big budget acts like our good friend Britney to get her spare change. Thus, she falls by the wayside of music. The only artists left will be the ones whose voices are not trumped up with electronics and who not clad in the latest fashion. The only artists left will be the ones who don't play for money, but keep playing for pleasure and love of music after they are poor as dirt farmers.

We have a chance now with the proliferation of Napster-like programs to tear down the structure that is the music industry. We have a chance to force spoiled millionaire bands like Metallica to prove that they play for pleasure and not for money. And don't we really want to hear the bands that love their music?

Fight for your right to anarchy in the new wild west.

Alison Hinks, a member of the class of 2003, is a Theatre major.


Somewhere inside Haas...
Sir, East Hall is infested with insects, there's hardly any water pressure, and they haven't had electricity in three days!
Goodness, I'll take care of this right away! Mrs. Falks? Please take East Hall off the campus tour!

College crunch

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the label "most selective"? Is it because of our new academic buildings? These are all valid reasons, but where are the answers? One explanation is that the pre-application process is key to the marketability of Muhlenberg. We hook high school seniors before they even pick up an application—but how? Muhlenberg's visibility in the prospective students' eyes has been upped, but is it due to higher standards imposed on our current students, or because of more colorful brochures? We ask those in Admissions to answer our questions outright and honestly.

One solution to the escalating number of students has been a proposed cut in acceptance rates, but it seems as though every year they say this, we get more students.

Yet it's true: they are cutting acceptances, but the number of matriculating students rose to 38%, noticeably higher than the usual 25% yield. The early decision yield plated a large part in this upward trend, but is the influx of students choking us? Should the ED's be decreased in number? Previously the class of 2000 was the largest on record—with 501 students graduating this May. This year's class of 2004 exceeds 580, causing an uncomfortable crunch on Muhlenberg's one square mile campus. Will the class of 2005 be surpass 600?

If Admissions decrease the number of acceptances they offer, then we will be on par with the selection standards of such schools as Penn, Princeton and other top tier institutions. But will this help? The dramatic increases in the size of the student body over the past two years suggest the opposite. Will "The Caring College" become too big to handle?

OFF CAMPUS

University of Pennsylvania—The University of Pennsylvania has received a $100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education in support of its new alcohol policy. The policy "emphasizes counseling and alcohol-related education, as well as offering many social alternatives to drinking, to help change the environment in which students drink," according to an article in The Daily Pennsylvanian, the University's student newspaper.

New York and San Francisco—Judgment day for Internet music swappers may be approaching this week. A U.S. judge in New York is expected to hand down a ruling on whether or not mp3.com violated the copyrights held by the Universal Music Group. Also, in San Francisco, the Recording Industry Association of America is set to file a brief against Napster. After the brief is filed, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals will schedule oral arguments.

Allentown, Pa.—Wilma Pukall, an 87-year-old Allentown resident, was run over by a Mack truck in city center on Aug. 23 and lived to tell about it. Though her leg was almost severed (doctors had to amputate it at Lehigh Valley Hospital afterward) and her lung collapsed, Pukall is in good spirits.

Allentown, Pa.—Nathan Cook, a 10-year-old Allentown boy was witness to a shooting downtown Sunday when a gunman shot at another person, missed, then accidentally shot himself in the foot. The neighborhood, on Fifth Street, has been wrought with drug problems in the past, The Morning Call reported.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
High 80 **Low 58**	**High 82** **Low 59**	**High 84** **Low 59**

Voter drive tries to raise influence in district

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lege students would represent a significant constituency for local officials. This is something that would be a valuable asset in the College's battles with the city.

Most recently, the College has challenged a city ordinance that bars more than two students from living in a single dwelling that was not previously divided into apartments.

This is a concern for the College because it can only house two students each in the MILE houses it purchased recently.

With a strong constituency, the College would be able to lobby for the zone regulations to be changed. Recently, the College was successful in striking the existing regulation, but only on a technical matter. The city is ready with an identical ordinance, without the previous technical violation, leaving the courts to consider the College's other challenges to the merits of the ordinace, which Siegel calls "discrimination."

The dinner will have as its focus the presidential campaign.

Mule PAC, a nonpartisan political action committee , is a political action committee designed to increase grassroots lobbying for pro-Israel foreign affairs.

Mule PAC is an independent campus organization, but is loosely affiliated with AIPAC, an organization in Washington, D.C. that lobbies pro-Israel relations.

Academic Trends

Rash of plagiarism prompts College to 'rededicate' itself to academic honesty

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Several instances of plagiarism last year, involving students taking information without attribution from the Internet, have prompted the College to declare a "rededication" to academic honest.

Literature distributed to all freshmen mentions the growing concern about plagiarism and technology.

"The College is determined not to look the other way, but rather, to use this rise as an occasion for rededicating ourselves to the values that support an environment of open and honest communication," the four-page statement, compiled by Professors Jill Stephen and David Rosenwasser, said.

The instances of plagiarism had educators concerned about the underlying reasons for students to cheat, on a deeper level than as a quick-fix for a jam.

Dr. Marjorie Haas, director of Center for Ethics and Leadership, said, "it's not such a matter of avoiding cheating" as understanding "what is it that's valuable right here on this campus."

"This led the College to feel that we had to do something--but that something shouldn't be too harsh," explained Stephen, adding, "I don't want to come across as the great lawmaker in the sky."

Some educators have expressed concern that a harsh campaign may have negative effects and the College should focus ondiminishing the chances for plagiarism.

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>
> Dr. Jill Stephen

In this endeavor, the Center for Ethics and Leadership will be conducting research into the values that underlie academic integrity. Haas said she does not want to "import" issues or solutions from larger populations and other studies.

"I think we have a very special and unique community here," Haas said, adding that "simply clarifying purpose and enforcing our policies is not sufficient."

But still the question of what to do in the face of plagiarism remains. According to the Academic Behavior Code, students are required to report incidents of cheating to professors; professors are also required to take action if they find out about plagiarized articles. Sifting through all competing concerns is the task at hand, Stephen said. "We don't know what's going to happen--we don't have a master plan. And that's important for kids to know."

Last year, Associate Professor Dr. Alec Marsh told The Muhlenberg Weekly that he had received several papers that were "technically plagiarized" because students were unclear on how and when to cite sources, especially from the Internet.

"Some information on the Internet is a distraction rather than a focus," Marsh said last year, and some bad material "seeps" into student work.

"It's so hard to tell what's good information and what's bad information on the Internet," Stephen said in an interview this week.

The incidents of last spring were different.

"Students who had put work off very late fell into the trap of going to the Internet," Dean Carol Shiner-Wilson said. "There was a significant number who [took] all or most of their papers from the Internet."

CAMPUS SCRAPBOOK

Photo by Jeff Baird

Students and faculty gather outside Egner Chapel after Opening Convocation on Sunday, Aug. 28.

ATO casts doubt on College role

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affirms.

Schmidt said there were three incidents last semester that warranted probation. One was an egging, the second a game of Beirut, and the third was an assault case that was recently dismissed in court. Last fall, an incident of hazing was reported. The fraternity says these are not justification for being "kicked off campus."

According to Schmidt, the College presented an "embellished and ridiculous" list of violations after having announced its withdrawl of recognition. "I'm not blaming anyone or pointing a finger, I don't mean to disrespect anybody in order to explain my side of the story. But here at Muhlenberg it is your word versus the school's word, and we were screwed," he said.

College President Arthur Taylor in a letter to students listed the charges of "hazing, assault, illegal consumption and furnishing of alcohol, abuse of women, and intentional disarming of the fire protection system."

Schmidt said these charges are not substantiated.

Administration officials deny that there is a larger agenda at play. "We could call the Liquor Control Board right now and prohibit all alcohol from this campus, it's that easy. But we're not doing that and we have no plans to do that," said Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students.

Phi Kappa Tau had its recognition withdrawn, but returned as a dry campus in 1999.

Schmidt guarantees that his fraternity is still alive. "Although we're not recognized anymore, [administration] didn't get rid of us. We have an impact on Muhlenberg, it might be good or it might be bad. But we are sticking together. We wear our letters everyday, just as proudly as we did before," he said.

Freshmen welcomed with orientation

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year in Egner Chapel, is the official start to the academic year, and the last event in a busy weekend of orientation for freshmen.

"It's a mixture of events that helps students become part of this learning community," Dean for Academic Life, Dr. Carol Shiner Wilson said.

> *"It's not enough to say, 'I'll speak up when I have something to say.' Your job is to have something to say."*
>
> Arthur R. Taylor

The Dean added that orientation weekend is structured such that first-year seminar classes stay together during advising in order for the students to "already feel comfortable in a learning situation" when classes start and to ease any sense of competition that might develop.

About ten of the writing assistants for first-year seminars are also student advisors.

The purpose of student advisors is to provide "role models" for the freshmen, Dean Shiner Wilson said, and to allow the students to feel comfortable around at least two upperclassmen.

"Two of the most symbolic moments would be the candle lighting ceremony and the opening convocation," said Shiner Wilson, who engineered the weekend.

Students see the entire faculty and staff adorned in ceremonial robes both during opening convocation before their first classes and at graduation.

The candlelighting ceremony took place in front of Brown Hall on Friday night, Aug. 25.

Orientation weekend also featured an interactive theater group, Theater for Social Change, where the performers portrayed several trying social scenes a first-year student may encounter. Audience members were able to ask questions of the actors, who answered in character.

Dean Shiner Wilson was pleased with the interactive nature of this event, where in previous years, the cultural diversity portion of orientation weekend was in seminar, not interactive, form.

Reaction was mixed—many said it was a good thing to have, but not necessarily beneficial or helpful to them in particular.

At least one freshman, Nick Thompson-Miller, thought the group had little to offer. "I felt it was kind of weak—they didn't seem prepared," he said, adding that the answers they gave to student questions were too general.

But Sarah Niebler disagreed. "I think it makes you aware that all those stereotypes are there—and you have to deal with them."

Professors Susan Clemens and Frank Marino led a discussion on the history of the College and each seminar group discussed the architecture of the academic buildings and of "Victor's Lament." Deena Cohen, who is in the "Subcultures and Styles" seminar, said she was more impressed with the address by Professors Clemens and Marino than the tour.

"Uninvited Guests," the comedy group of students and alumni which played last year to mixed reviews, was in fact uninvited this year.

Some members of the College community raised objections at the time to off-color scenes, claiming that the time and place for "Uninvited Guests" was not at orientation weekend.

Dean Shiner Wilson said she wanted to put forth the "most impressive and positive statement" this year and also noted that Friday night's schedule was "jammed" and it would have been difficult to host another event.

Seminar groups will be offered free tickets to "A Midsummer Night's Dream," performed by the Muhlenberg Theater Association starting Oct. 20 and are encouraged to do other, similar activities throughout the semester.

For those in MILE houses, a long week

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

As the school year began, a handful of students living in MILE houses found themselves in rooms with missing furniture.

Fourteen MILE houses were affected; most of them contained no living room or dining room furniture. In addition, several of the MILE houses did not have fully functional kitchens.

Plant Operations and the landlords of the College's leased apartment properties, such as Hamilton-Linden Gardens, are currently doing everything they can to mend the problems.

This is the second year that the College has leased from Hamilton-Linden Gardens, and there have never been problems.

Housing predicts that the fourteen properties will have furniture by the end of September.

As compensation for the lack of furniture, the College has issued the affected residents a 15-per week meal plan.

Students were notified by mail prior to school's opening about the lack of furniture.

They also discovered problems with their phones: some simply don't work; on others, the voice mail misdirects calls; some phone jacks were functional, but turned off. O.I.T. is currently handling all of those issues.

Senior Z.B. Parker states that despite all the problems, "We're all still living and not too inconvenienced by all of this. We have a great house; we can't complain too much."

Housing hopes that by the end of September, all matters will be worked out.

Jan Schumacher, Director of Residential Services, says that she "wants to make sure everyone is comfortable and settled."

Freshmen caught with beer in Walz

Seven freshmen were caught with three open cans of beer Sept. 1, according to Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety. "Campus Safety and a member of the Allentown Police Department responded to a Walz Hall R.A.'s call reporting a loud group in the basement."

Upon arriving at the scene, the officers found three cases of alcohol. No criminal charges were filed. All students were referred to the campus judicial board. Lupole said that the Department of Campus Safety had a choice either to refer the students to the judicial board or to press criminal charges. He decided to refer the students to the judicial board because he wants this to be a "learning experience."

Work on Walz complete after four-month project

Floors, windows renovated; freshmen enjoy new furniture

Photo by Jeff Baird

Eddie Honan hangs off his lofted bed while his roommate, Matt Micucci, spreads his work out across the larger desks.

By Julie Goldstein and Ben Sacks
Weekly Staff Writers

From the moment that freshmen swipe their Simplex cards and enter the newly renovated Walz Hall, they can sense that something is different. A rush of cold air from the new central air conditioning greets them as their eyes adjust to ambient light that fills the newly carpeted hallway.

Gleaming white ceilings mirror the freshly painted walls. This is a far cry from the conditions that plagued Walz in the past.

But after a nearly eleven million dollar facelift, this dorm lives up to its nickname, "Hotel Walz."

The renovation project began last spring right around exam time, causing many of last year's residents to complain about ongoing construction.

"At one point they had a jackhammer hammering about three inches off my ceiling. There were definitely times where it was impossible to study", said third-floor Resident Advisor, Adam Kemmener, now the Head R.A. of Walz.

The final touches to the east entrance were completed as freshmen moved into their new home for the year. The most obvious physical change to the building is the addition of the fourth floor, which has been essential in drawing dorm comparisons to a hotel.

The hallways on this floor differ from the rest of the building; they are narrower and painted a comforting apricot tone. The lounge area on the floor is adorned with giant bay windows, flooding the hallway with warm sunlight. Fourth-floor resident John Schmidt stated, "The floor is great, the dorm is beautiful, and the air conditioning is key. I couldn't ask for anything more. What can I say? It's like a hotel."

Along with the construction of the fourth floor, an elevator was installed to comply with state building codes.

More fire alarms and sprinklers were added to ensure that all residents could hear the alarms.

Walz Hall joins Taylor Hall and a handful of MILE houses as the select few buildings on campus that have central air. Each room is complete with its own thermostat, enabling the residents to adjust the climate to their own liking.

The furniture is all new; gone are the bolted down furniture and "desks that looked like they were built for kindergartners," said Sophomore Ben Jaffe, who spent last year in Walz.

In their place are loftable and moveable beds, and much larger desks complete with bookshelves.

Third-floor resident Jessica Gist feels, "The movable furniture gives everyone the option to be creative."

The make up of the 177 students living in Walz are those who applied early and sent in their health forms as well as the housing deposit.

Another important feature of this dorm is the special interest third floor, which is reserved for prospective theater majors.

This is the second time in two years that a freshman dorm has been renovated; Prosser was renovated last year in time for the new school year.

Another record class raises questions on long-term trends

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3,501 applications received.

During this year's admissions process, the College also became one of fewer than 100 colleges that accepted below 50 percent of their applications.

Following the final selections, the College had accepted only 44 percent of applicants, which are approximately 21 percent less than two years ago.

The class of 2004, with 244 men and 339 women, not only were selected in the most selective year, but they provided impressive numbers. The mean SAT scores were 592 verbal and 601 math, with students placing 37 percent in the top tenth of their high school classes.

Following the trends of popular majors in the past, biology, business, psychology, communication and theatre arts are the top five majors chosen with approximately 165 students undecided.

> *"The faculty is unusually important to the admissions process."*
>
> Chris Hooker-Haring,
> Dean of Admission

Besides the strong pre-application process of touring and information sessions, the faculty can be viewed as an important part of the students' visit.

"The faculty is unusually important to the admissions process," said Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions.

"The atmosphere projected at Through the Red Doors program for accepted students is very important to show the many different elements of the Muhlenberg community to the prospective students and their parents," said Hooker Haring.

The "caring college" expressed by College President Arthur Taylor at the many Open Houses in the fall and spring semesters in addition to the many campus tours and "Through the Red Doors" informs students of what type of atmosphere there is for students.

"The very strong sense of community has been felt by the students and faculty to receive such an accomplished class," said Hooker-Haring.

Matt Myers, '04, who lives in Prosser, was very interested in the activities and academic programs offered at the College. "I am having a lot of fun here, I have so many more options here especially for a small school."

Julie Christianson, an early decision first year student, is pleased with the size of the school. "I really like the classes being small, it makes the course more personable."

Diana Garretto and Stephanie Melka, both runners for the cross-country team, were drawn to the College for the high praise of the pre-med. programs and the science programs. "The pre-med program drew me to the school; the acceptance rate to medical school is great," said Melka.

Lindsay Penvose, a Brown resident, was very interested in the many activities on campus. "I am really interested with the College's theatre arts, especially dance," said Penvose.

In addition to the highly selective process and staggering admissions numbers, the College also was shocked by the staggering numbers of students who enrolled from those accepted.

The large number of students can be attributed to the high number of those choosing to enroll after being accepted.

Among the students accepted, 37.6 percent enrolled. That is a 7 percent to 8 percent difference in the admission norms and trends.

Those upperclassmen on campus looking at the large number of first year students can only see the market value of their degree increase due to the College's exceptional reputation.

In addition to these numbers, the College is working with the size, and fortunately renovated Walz Hall, adding a fourth floor with 46 more spaces. The living arrangements weren't the only concern resolved, the addition of more class sections to accommodate the students.

"The reputation of the College has been rising and brings students to campus with their parents to see what the College has to offer," said Hooker-Haring.

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Campus Safety Notes

Aug.26: theft. A wallet was stolen from a room in Martin Luther.

Aug.26: alcohol violation. Seven students were referred to the judicial board after being caught with three open cans of beer and several unopened cases in a party in the basement of Walz.

Aug.27: noise cpmplaint. Several students were making excessive noise on the porch of 527 N. 22nd St. Allentown police issued a warning.

Aug.27: fire alarm. Cigarette smoke set off a fire alarm at 2228 Gordon St. (AEPi).

Aug.27: lost property. A wallet, key ring, I.D. card and a simplex were reported lost.

Aug.27: theft. A Fostex Digital Multi-track Recorder was stolen from the music room of the C.A.

Aug. 27: alcohol violation. One student from Prosser Hall was referred to the judicial board after being found with two bottles of alcohol in the room.

Aug.28: theft. A portable CD/cassette player and radio were stolen this summer from Ettinger.

Aug.28: harassement by communication. An incident of harrassement by phone which was due to misdialing was reported.

Aug. 29: investigate. On the back drive of Walz Hall, two intoxicated upperclassmen were referring to several women in a derogitory manner, talking of beer and marijuana. They were sent to the judicial board.

Aug.29: vandalism to vehicle. 12 vehicles had their license plates bent upward during a vandalism incident in the parking lot behind the C.A.

Aug.29: theft. Over the summer, an Avanti mini-refridgerater was stolen from one of the sorority houses.

Aug.29: theft. 2 tables, one 8' and one 4', were stolen from Seegers Union.

Aug.29: theft. A black dirt bike was stolen from 2216 Chew Street .

Aug.29: fire alarm A fire alarm went off in the Haas College Center due to an overheated motor in an elevator.

Aug.29: fire safety violation. At 2202 Gordon St., the DTD house, three fire detectors were disconnected and three $300 fines were issued.

Aug.29: fire safety violation. A fire safety violation was reported at 2228 Gordon St., the AEPi house, due to one of their smoke detectors having been disconnected. A $300 fine was issued.

Aug.30: noise complaint. At 418 N22nd St. a noise complaint was filed by a neighbor. A warning was issued and no citations given.

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Around Campus

Information provided by Public Relations

Additional housing

With renovations to Walz hall (a fourth floor was added, accommodating 44 students) and extra aquisitions in Tremont Apartments and Hamilton-Linden Gardens Apartments, and the purchase of several new MILE houses, the College is taking steps to accommodate the record-large classes that have entered over the last few years.

Enrollment is now over 2,000 with approximately 1,985 students in residence. All freshmen are now housed on the west side of campus.

Dining hall hours

General's Quarters hours have expanded to 3:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights. In addition, new menu items are available in a variety of equivalence deals.

New residence hall

College President Arthur R. Taylor has officially approved plans for two new residence buildings, both to be located west (uptown) of Benfer.

The new buildings will have single rooms arranged around a lounge, kitchen and bathroom. The air conditioned buildings will hold 140 students and are scheduled for completion next fall.

Renovations

The College is planning to renovate Seegers Union with an expanded downstairs area with more space for student activities and other College offices. Java Joes and a student lounge will also be downstairs.

Additionally, the Life Sports Center will be renovated to include an enlarged weight room and aerobic area. A large glass wall will overlook the sports fields.

Both the health center and the counseling center will be included in the renovated Life Sports Center.

This year, the College added several new pieces of equipment to its fitness loft.

Campus Safety Notes

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Aug.29: electrical problems. The electricity was temporarily turned off in East because a main power fuse blew and it was being fixed.

Aug.30: animal complaint. A cat was found at 2625 Liberty St. inside the residence.

Aug.30: animal complaint. A dog was found inside a residence at 2317 Liberty St.

Aug.30: 2245 Liberty. A fire alarm went off at 2245 Liberty St. due to smoke from cooking.

Aug.30: sick student. A sick student from Prosser was transported to the hospital for x-rays.

Aug.31: crim/mal. mischief. At 323 N22nd St. the glass was broken in the front door.

Aug.31: suspicious person At the 2300 block of Liberty St. a suspicious blue cavalier with one male and a possible female was reported. They were apparentally looking in cars.

Aug.31: fire alarm. A fire alarm sounded at 2241 Liberty St. due to cooking.

Aug.31: fire alarm. A fire alarm went off at 2216 Liberty Street due to cooking.

Aug.31: fire alarm. In Brown Hall, a fire alarm went off in response to popcorn burning.

Sept.1: suspicious vehicle. A suspicious white male with tattoos on his arm was driving a Trans Am or Camaro and almost hit a student head on. There was a Hispanic slender passenger in the car, also with tattoos.

Sept.1: alcohol violation. A person over 21 brought alcohol beverages into a room of minors in ML. The non-student was charged with trespassing and the two residents were referred to the judicial board.

Sept.1: alcohol violation. Disorderly conduct and failure to comply with an officer were charges brought against 10 students. Nine students were referred to the judicial board. The 23 year old non student was issued a letter of tresspass.

Sept.2: sick student A sick student in the Tremont apartments refused transport to the hospital.

Sept.2: vandalism. Vandalism occurred at 26th and Liberty when the blue safety light was ripped off the emergancy call box.

Sept.2: sick student. A sick student from Hamilton and Linden Gardens Apartments was transported to the hospital.

Sept.2: 2343 fire safety violation. A fire was reported in East Hall due to an abundence of items plugged into electrical outlets.

Sept.2: harassement. An incident of harrassement occurred at the Allentown Fair. Two students who voluntatily engaged in oatmeal wrestling were refused exit from the ring by a disgruntled referee.

Sept.2: alcohol violation. In the alley north of 525 N22nd St. three students and two non students under the age of 21 were caught with alcohol.

Sept.2: noise complaint. In response to a noise complaint at 323/325 N22nd St. 40-50 people, all over 21, were found having an alcoholic party. There were no citations, however, the four individuals who lived at the residence were referred to the judicial board.

Sept.2: alcohol violation. At 23rd St. and Chew St. one student underage was caught with alcohol and the student has been referred to the judicial board.

Sept.3: vandalism. In Benfer Hall the electrical box's lock was broken and it was tipped over.

Sept.3: safety hazard. At 2216 Liberty St.safety codes were violated when students were found sitting on the roof.

Sept.3: suspicious person. A suspicious vehicle was found outside of a sorority house and was charged with trespassing.

Sept.3: fire alarm. In Trexler Pavilion it was found that the smoke detector was dirty.

Sept.3: sick student. A sick student was transported to Sacred Heart Hospital.

Sept.3: fire alarm. A firewas reported in the afternoon in the Haas College Center when an elevator motor became overheated.

Sept.3: vandalism. A bathroom stall door was removed in East Hall in an account of vandalism.

Sept.3: vandalism. A bent circuit breaker door was reported in East Hall.

Sept.4: vandalism. A vehicle was vandalized in the Trexler Library parking lot. The sideview mirror of a car was broken.

Sept.4: vandalism At 2411 Liberty St. a basement door was vandalized.

All seniors accepted to med school

14 acceptances give College perfect score

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Every senior who applied to medical school last year was accepted, the College announced last month.

Lori Provost, who heads the Health Professions Office, said that over the last six years, the acceptance rate avearged around 91 percent, with last year's acceptance rate at 88 percent.

"We had only 16 students apply overall. While the quantity, is not what we are used to, the quality of schools that the students are attending is terrific," Provost said. " The competition to get in to medical school, dental school and veterinary programs remains as intense and as difficult as ever."

"This is a wonderful achievement," said College President Arthur R. Taylor in the official press release.

"We know it won't happen every year, but results like these are what we strive for. Medical schools continue to recognize that our students are first rate."

Though the success of College seniors has been positive of late, the competition to get into medical school is as intense as ever.

For only about 16,000 spots open in medical schools each year, institutions receive over 38,000 applications.

Because competition is so stiff, the average applicant has a 3.5 grade point average.

Everyone is allowed to apply to medical school, although the standards are so high.

"We do not weed out," Provost said.

Students start the application process as early as freshman or sophomore year, Provost said, building a reputation on which to ask for recommendations later.

Rising seniors submit applications to medical schools around June 1.

They take MCAT tests, similar to SATs for college applicants, either in the August before their junior year or that spring.

Provost acknowledges that the number of students who complete the application process to medical school is much lower than the number of freshmen who express a desire to become doctors.

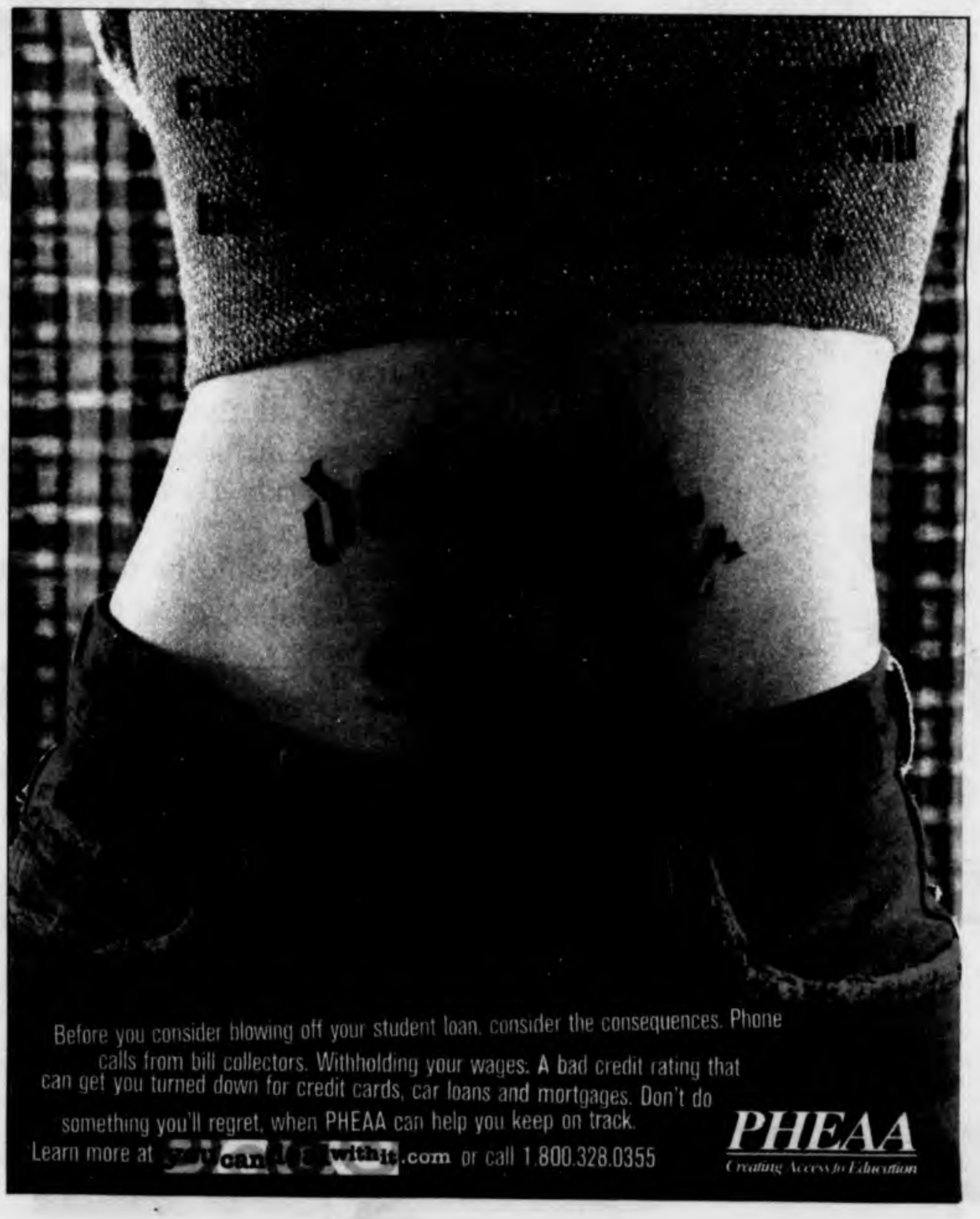
She said that 77 freshmen are interested in med school, but that only about 50 percent will actually complete the application process.

Students drop out of the premed track for several reasons. She said that while some enjoy biology classes, for others, "gen chem and organic weren't their cup of tea."

Provost also said students should be "dating the profession" by shadowing and interning in hospitals whenever possible.

Beyond this experience, the Health Professions office has its own process each applicant must follow.

"We put them through a pretty rigorous interview process before their letters of recommendation are written," Provost said.



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Been there, done that...

Summer 2000
The Muhlenberg Summer Theater performed *The Music Man, Dracula,* and *Forever Plaid* during their season.

September 1, 2000
Hypnotist Mort Berkowitz performed in The Red Door.

September 2, 2000
Student band *At. This. Moment.* along with other student musicians performed at the Labor Day Fest and Activities Fair.

September 5, 2000
The Ribbon Project, campus organization that educates students about AIDS , sponsored a speaker. T.J. Zmucki spoke about living with the disease.

September 6, 2000
MAC sponsored *Survivor* cast member Sean Kenniff who spoke about living on a deserted island with 15 other castaways.

Coming up...

September 7, 2000
Student musician Doug McHoul will perform in The Red Door at 7pm. Admission is free.

September 9, 2000
Comedian Mitch Fatel will perform in The Red Door from 9-10 pm. Recording booth with free CDs will be available after the show.

September 9, 2000
BSA-sponsored dance will be held in the Underground from 10 pm-2 am.

A Break in the Bubble...

Presidential candidates Gore and Bush are arguing over the format and moderators of three upcoming debates.

President Clinton decided to postpone construction on a nuclear defense field that some experts believe would violate the 1972 anti-ballistic missile treaty.

Fair a big hit

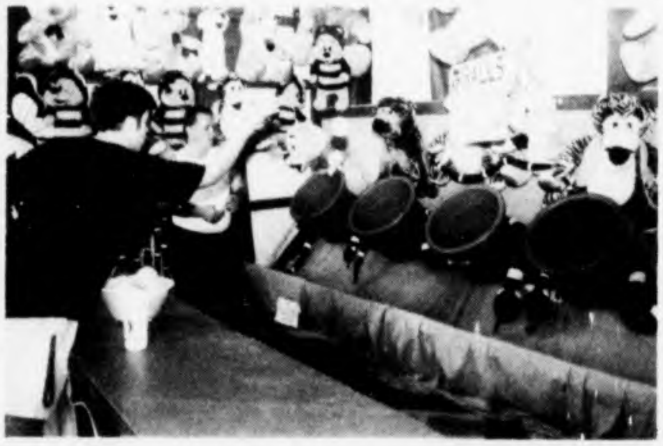
The fairgrounds, which usually consist of two buildings and a large parking lot, was full of excitement and noise this past week for the annual Allentown Fair.

There were various sections of the fair, ranging from the Agriculture section to the Grandstand. Shows this year at the Grandstand included performers such as Def Leppard, Martina McBride, Destiny's Child and the Goo Goo Dolls.

Muhlenberg students could be found playing games, dancing at concerts, and enjoying the rides throughout the first week of classes.

Muhlenberg students play games to win goldfish and other prizes (lower). Ashley Perlman '01 (right) rides the carousel this past weekend.

Photos by Josh Lebson and Ashley Perlman



Flick makes A-List

TITLE: *The Replacements*
THE PLAYERS: Keanu Reeves, Gene Hackman, Orlando Jones, Brooke Langton, Jon Favreau
RATING: 4 stars
REVIEWER: Diane Reilly

The Replacements is one of those movies from which I could not expect much. After all, it was about replacement football players and cheerleaders. How good could it be? I made the mistake of assuming that this would be a movie centered around cheerleaders and lacking plot. While the cheerleaders are important in the film, the story is not centered on watching them perform. Instead, this movie-going experience proved to be one that I highly enjoyed. I wouldn't say that *The Replacements* is a serious film, but that isn't its intention.

Although the story is lighthearted, the plot is worth paying attention to. The story begins by showing the greed and selfishness in many of today's professional players.

Through time, the players had lost sight of the real reason they play football and demanded an increase in the salary cap so that they could more comfortably afford their mansions and expensive cars. With less than three weeks until the playoffs, coaches and owners were determined to finish out the season. The Washington Sentinels' owner gave a former coach (Gene Hackman) the job of not only assembling a team, but getting the Sentinels into the playoffs.

In less than a week, the coach assembled a team composed of a "never was" college quarterback who fumbles under pressure (Keanu Reeves), a soccer player with a great kicking leg, a former military man who tackles viciously, a sumo wrestler and several others in attempt to put together a winning team.

The coach felt that these men had a chance at winning even though they had never played professional football. They had one thing the NFL players lacked: heart. The cast for *The Replacements* was nicely put together, and Keanu Reeves' performance in combination with Gene Hackman and Brooke Langton was a winning combination. Reeves and Langton were able to bring the story to a new level with their underlying romance.

Keanu Reeves plays Shane "Footsteps" Falco in Warner Brothers' *The Replacements*

Through the couple, we are able to see a side of Reeves' character we aren't able to see on the field. This side of Reeves helps the story progress on a more meaningful level.

While the ending was predictable, it didn't take away from the lessons that were suggested. I would recommend this movie to anyone who from time to time feels discouraged and needs entertainment.

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Psych laboratories
(behavioral research)
Auditorium

2nd floor:
Psychology
Religion

3rd floor:
Philosophy
Education

The new academic building was inspired by the late Dr. Forrest G. Moyer, a 1935 graduate of Muhlenberg College. It was a ten million dollar project and will benefit present and future students of the college. The building was finished at the end of the 1999-2000 academic year.

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Hangin' out at Labor Day Fest...

Though the "inflatable fun" was cancelled due to the weather forecast, many students attended the Labor Day festivities. Under the tent on Brown mall, the student band *At. This. Moment.* performed along with various other student musicians.

The activities fair was held under the tent as well, a time when students could find out information about the different clubs on campus, ranging from the Emergency Medical Service to WMUH, the college's radio station.

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Film club review: journey through madness

TITLE: *The Cell*
THE PLAYERS: Jennifer Lopez, Vince Vaughn, Vincent D'Onofroio, Musetta Vander
RATING: 3.5 stars
REVIEWER: Ali Hinks

If you have ever wanted to see Hieromymous Bosch splatter his brains all over a film reel, this movie is about as close as it gets. *The Cell* is a visual trip through what is very near to his version of hell. It scared me so much that I felt as close to asking to leave the theater as I have since my dad took me to see *Ghostbusters*.

I was four.

The Cell is being marketed as a psychological thriller. A serial killer collects girls in an automated torture cell. The cops, close on his tail, catch him. They scoop him up, comatose, off his kitchen floor. To find his most recent collection, they now have no choice but to enter his mind. They use Jennifer Lopez who has been practicing a method of crawling around in people's conscience minds for medical purposes. That, right there, is the plot. Although it is not much, that is hardly relevant to the purpose of the movie. Director Tarsem Singh is too busy with other things to worry about the plot. And from the first shot of the movie, so is the audience.

This movie is the most beautiful film since *The Matrix*. The difference between this movie and *The Matrix* is that this movie revels solely in it's beauty. *The Matrix* used its style to further the plot, while *The Cell*'s plot is secondary to its style. But this not a matter of brains over beauty, folks. *The Cell*'s look is its plot. It asks you to take a journey through a vision of madness and to ask oneself what the inside of one's head looks like. Are there places you don't allow yourself to go? What would your perceptions of the world be if another could see them? In a particularly sad, horrific and revealing scene, Lopez's character stumbles upon a place in the killer's brain that shows her his perception of his victims. To see visually represented how a killer thinks of what he does is a huge thrill from only imagining it. The trick of *The Cell* is that Singh makes us think we truly are inside a killer's head, and that at any moment we may see something so awful that we would be on the same mental plane as a psychopath. No doubt that that is the feeling our traveling companion Jennifer must feel.

To review this movie in terms of plot is pointless. The plot is merely there to bolster our visual travels. *The Cell* reminds me of "feelies" in the book *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley: beautiful images that plots ride on as do lampreys on a whale shark.

Jennifer Lopez acts in New Line's *The Cell* -2000. This psychological thriller has been chilling movie-goers for the past few weeks.

Hartley's Music Reviews

by Hartley Goldstein

The summer of 2000 had a slew of great new releases. Some of the highlights include new albums from Aimee Mann and Jurassic 5. Along with these relatively new artists, established songwriters such as Nick Drake found new audiences largely thanks to television advertisements and show background music.

Aimee Mann released her third album this summer to praise. *Bachelor #2* marked her first record released on her own label, SuperEgo. Her former label, Geffen kept her from releasing *Bachelor* for two years because they felt the record didn't have a strong enough single. Aimee had the last laugh though, by buying her contract out, recording songs for the hugely successful *Magnolia* soundtrack, and then releasing a record that not only has one strong single, but thirteen of them.

The reason Aimee Mann continues to be one of the last decade's greatest songwriters is her knack of taking simple phrases and conveying them so honestly that they transcend their actual meaning. An example of this is in her classic song, "Amateur," where she repeats the phrase, "I was hoping that you would know better," until even the listener has become frustrated and disappointed in her lover.

Once again, Aimee is joined by producer extraordinaire, Jon Brion, who has worked with the likes of Macy Gray and Fiona Apple. His quirky touches make songs like "Red Vines" and "Satellite" unforgettable. His production matched with Aimee's cloudlike voice and expert songwriting make *Bachelor #2* a must have.

> His [Nick Drake's] music is sparse and beautiful, usually just him with his acoustic guitar...

Another top release this summer came from the west coast, seven piece, hip hop group , Jurassic 5. Their major label debut, *Quality Control* , really proved what these guys were capable of. The group's unique blend of old school harmonizing and premillennium turntablism , due to the groups two DJ's , Numark and Cut Kemist, make J5 a thoroughly original outfit.

Quality Control is a breath of fresh air for hip-hop. It is a party record that doesn't have any violence ,car references, or talk of "ice." J5 just strives to make great music that remembers where its roots are. On *Quality Control* they achieve just that.

This summer also found a strange resurgence of the cult singer songwriter Nick Drake. His three records, *Five Leaves Left*, *Bryter Lyter* and *Pink Moon* were all released in remastered versions this summer, and his music was used in everything from a VW Cabrio commercial to the theme song for Fox's new show, "Opposite Sex." His music is sparse and beautiful, usually just him with his acoustic guitar. His voice is unforgettable and incomparable.

His song, "Pink Moon," which was used in the Cabrio commercial , has been making people turn up the volume on their TV and question who this guy is. A large number of his songs were used on the WB's new show, "Young Americans," and the following week sales of all of his records grew significantly. Though Nick Drake only left three records before he died mysteriously of a drug overdose, his music is gorgeous and hopefully more and more people will discover this hidden gem.

life! *movie listings*

September 8-10

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

The Watcher
Fri., Sat., Sun.— 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

Way of the Gun
Fri., Sat., Sun.—1:30, 4:20, 7, 9:40

Highlander: Endgame
Fri., Sat., Sun.—1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10

Bring It On
Fri., Sat., Sun.—2:20, 5, 7:30, 9:55

Art of War
Fri., Sat., Sun.—1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:35

The Crew
Fri., Sat., Sun.—1:20, 3:20, 5:30, 7:40, 10:10

The Cell
Fri., Sat., Sun.—2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

Bless the Child
Fri., Sat., Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

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Highlander: Endgame
Bring It On
Way of the Gun
Bless the Child
Art of War
The Cell
The Watcher
Rocky Horror Picture Show

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The Way of the Gun
Fri.— 4:20, 7:20, 10:20 Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. — 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Watcher
Fri.—4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Art of War
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10;10; Sat.— 1, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun.—1, 4:20, 7:20

What Lies Beneath
Fri.—4:10, 7;10, 10:10; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Space Cowboys
Fri.4, 7, 10; Sat.—1, 4, 7, 10; Sun.—1, 4, 7, 10

Whipped
Fri.—4:10, 9:50; Sat.— 4:10, 9:50; Sun.—4:10

The Replacements
Fri.—7:10; Sat.—1:20, 7:10; Sun.—1:20, 7;10

The Crew
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10; Sat.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10;Sun.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Bring It On
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

Aries 3/21 - 4/19

Don't let your schedule rule your life. Although you will be busy with schoolwork and extracurricular activities, it is important for you to collect your thoughts and relax. Spend at least one evening this week taking some time out for yourself. Don't get stressed out; you deserve some down time!

Taurus 4/20-5/20

It's not healthy to hold grudges. You will resolve issues with someone with whom you've been having arguments. Make a conscious effort to be friendly despite the negative situations that have occurred in the past. Try not to judge people on first impressions alone. People aren't always what they seem to be.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

Be comfortable with yourself. Although you have personal insecurities, most likely others do not notice them. There may be something about your appearance or your intellect that you may not like, but don't let it bring you down. Walk with confidence and people will be more likely to approach you.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Being single is fun for a while, but now you're ready to meet someone new. Even though it seems as if you'll never find that "special someone," he or she may pleasantly surprise you this week. Don't be so hesitant to walk up to that person whom you've been eyeing since the first day of school. A little courage and a smile can go a long way.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Express yourself in any form you wish. Try painting a picture, decorating your room, writing poetry, singing or performing a song. It is important that you release this energy and your emotions in a constructive way. Not only will you discover more about yourself, but you may also intrigue others around you.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

A positive attitude will bring more happiness. This week is your week to make optimism more prevalent in your life. You may discover something about yourself that you have never noticed. Although it seems as if there will never be a light at the end of the tunnel, that light is not too far away from you.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Life does not require us to be the biggest or the best, it asks only that we try. If you try your best at everything you do, then you will be living life to the fullest. Don't quit working on a Calculus problem, running a race, or singing a song, when you feel as if you can't do it. Break down your problem into small parts to make the goal easier to attain. Remember, practice makes perfect.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Everyone appreciates getting to know a friendly new person. Make an effort to meet and greet your new neighbors down the hall. Someone has to initiate the conversation, so let it be you. Just as you may be looking for more friends, most likely, so are they.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

Be careful about what you say or do. That person you've been gossiping about may be just around the corner.

Think about how it would feel if someone were saying the same things about you. To correct a situation, try sticking up for the person who is being ridiculed rather than shooting him or her down. If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything at all.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

You may feel as if each day you're living is the same as the last day and the next. Be bold. Try doing something new and different for a change. Whenever you have free time, do something spontaneous and exciting with your friends. These days, if you're not living life to its edge, you're taking up too much space!

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

A penny saved is a penny earned. Your summer job kept you extremely busy and exhausted, and you deserve all of your hard-earned money. It would be wise for you to save your financial gains especially with all those college expenses. Treat yourself to something extra special sometime this week. After all, you didn't spend all of that time working for nothing!

Pisces 2/19-3/20

A friend in need is a friend, indeed. Your friends are telling you to come out and play! It's obvious that they miss you since you've been buried beneath your school books and haven't had time for socializing.

Although it seems as if you never have time for fun, there are ways to readjust your schedule for breaks. When you're around your friends they make those endless hours of studying seem a lot less painful. Readjust your schedule for breaks!

Muhless Knowledge

? Food Facts ?

by Melanie Cohen

1) A raisin dropped in a glass of fresh champagne will bounce up and down continually from the bottom of the glass to the top.

2) In medieval England, beer was often served with breakfast.

3) The United States Department of Agriculture reports that the average American eats 8 1/2 pounds of pickles a year.

4) Cabbage is 91 percent water.

5) Lettuce is the world's most popular green.

6) As many as 50 gallons of maple sap are needed to make a single gallon of maple syrup.

7) Dairy products account for 29 percent of all food consumed in the United States.

8) The Swedes drink more coffee than any other people in the world.

9) Potato chips were invented by a chef in Louisiana in 1865.

10) Goat's milk is used more widely throughout the world than cow's milk.

MAC WEEKEND EVENTS

Thursday: Doug McHoul & the Red Guitar **Red Door @ 7 P.M.**

Friday: Swing Dance **Garden Room @ 9 P.M.**
Virtuality Reality **Seeger's Union**

Saturday: COMEDIAN Mitch Fatel **Red Door @ 9 P.M.**
Recording Booth **Seeger's Union @ 10 P.M.**
BSA Dance Party **Underground @ 10 P.M.**

Field Hockey already thinking out of the Box

Lady Mules dribble their way to two decisive victories

By Joe Trentacoste
Managing Editor

The women's field hockey team was victorious in its first outing against Moravian College on Saturday, September 2.

Moravian crept out to an early lead, but the Lady Mules countered with an unassisted goal by Carole Caine. In the second half, Muhlenberg scored twice to put the game away for good. First, senior Kelly Gower scored with an assist from Melissa Eicken. Then junior Sarah Stitzer scored an unassisted goal to make the final score 3-1 in Muhlenberg's favor. This was the first win for new head coach Kristen Stuckel.

On Tuesday, the women's field hockey team won their game against East Stroudsburg University, 3-2. Setting the pace for the game, Kelly Gower started the Mules off by scoring two goals in the first half. However, East Stroudsburg came back with two goals to tie the game.

Goalie Jolie Fasolino played well, allowing only those two points late in the first half. In the second half, the Lady Mules secured the victory with Carole Caine's game winning corner shot.

Although these games do not count towards their Centennial Conference standings, they count as part of the field hockey team's overall record.

Team Captain Kerry Lambert stated, "It was a very exciting win to start the season. Collectively we played well. Everyone did an amazing job. We have a new program and new coach, and we see a lot of leadership capability in everyone. We have five seniors and a large class of juniors who will greatly impact our play. We are going to do well this year."

Next up for the team is an away game tonight against Kean University. Then, the Ladies return home on Saturday to take on the Aggies of Delaware Valley at 1:00 pm. Last year they defeated Delaware Valley in a shut-out, 1-0.

Photo by Kate Sensenic

Senior captain Carole Caine (l.) and Junior Melissa Eicken were instumental in both Mule wins.

: Mule Minutes

The women's soccer team traveled to Rowan, currently ranked the 21st team in Division III, on Saturday, September 2, for a very intense game. Lauren Pilger '04, scored the only goal for the Mules, tying the score 1-1 in the second half of the game. The score would not change, giving the Mules one for the tie column and extending their unbeaten streak to nine games. The Mules dominated the game statistically with a total of 25 shots to Rowan's 19 shots. In goal, Denae Bordeaux '03 had five saves and Kim Laurino '03 had six saves.

The Lady Mules face off against Drew and Scranton this weekend in the KWIK Goal/T.G.I.Friday's Classic.

The women's volleyball team opened its season at the Messiah College Falcon Classic. After two days of grueling matches against West Chester and Moravian, the Mules managed to reach the final game of the tournament, but lost to defending champion Gallaudet.

On Saturday, September 1, the Mules won their game against West Chester University by a score of 3 - 2. On September 2, the Mules won their match against Moravian, 3 - 2, but lost it to Gallaudet, 3 - 1. Junior Laura Funsten had two great days and was honored by being named to the All-Tournament team. She averaged 6.5 assists and 41.4 digs in three matches, including a career-high 22 digs against West Chester. Muhlenberg hosts the Buttermaker tournament this weekend, September 8 and 9.

The Muhlenberg Cross Country team began its season Saturday at the Maroon and Gold Invitational, hosted by Kutztown University. The women placed 6th out of 9 teams with a score of 188 points. Junior Katie Garrett led the way for the women's team placing 26th overall in a time of 26:01. Other scoring runners were freshman Diana Garretto (37th 26:31), sophomore Laura Garland (40th 26:55) senior captain Laura Roth (42th 27:06), and junior Kristen Tylenda (43rd 27:13).

For the men, eight first time runners competed in the eight kilometer race, with three doing well enough to score points on their first outing for the Mules. Led by freshman Rob Uniszkiewicz, who placed 15th overall with a time of 28:31, they finished 6th out of 9 teams with 153 points. Junior captain Will Elson also had a strong meet, finishing 26th in 29:11.

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Profile of a Mule

Breaking records no small 'feet' for Gallagher

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Columnist

Brendan Gallagher, along with the rest of Muhlenberg's cross-country team, is looking ahead to the upcoming season with much anticipation. Gallagher is a sophomore with an undeclared major, but he has a strong interest in mathematics and secondary education.

He came to Muhlenberg with a desire to excel on the cross-country and track teams after successful experiences in high school. In high school, he was named captain of his cross-country team his sophomore year.

However, Gallagher's success did not stop after high school. After coming to Muhlenberg, he joined the cross country and track team as a freshman and now holds four records. In indoor track, his time for the 5,000 meter is unmatched at 16:08. He also holds the relay record for the Distance Medley Relay with a time of 10:47. In outdoor track, Brendan possesses a record time of 33:12 in the 10,000 meter. Finally, for the 5,000 meter, he set an outdoor record time of 15:49.

Gallagher attributes some of his motivation to his father, who ran track in high school and now runs to stay in shape. Returning to Muhlenberg a week early for pre-season, he has continued to find the rewarding aspects of the sport. These are yet another incentive to continue with the program. He enjoys being part of a team, where he has the opportunity to befriend team members from Muhlenberg as well as opponents from other schools.

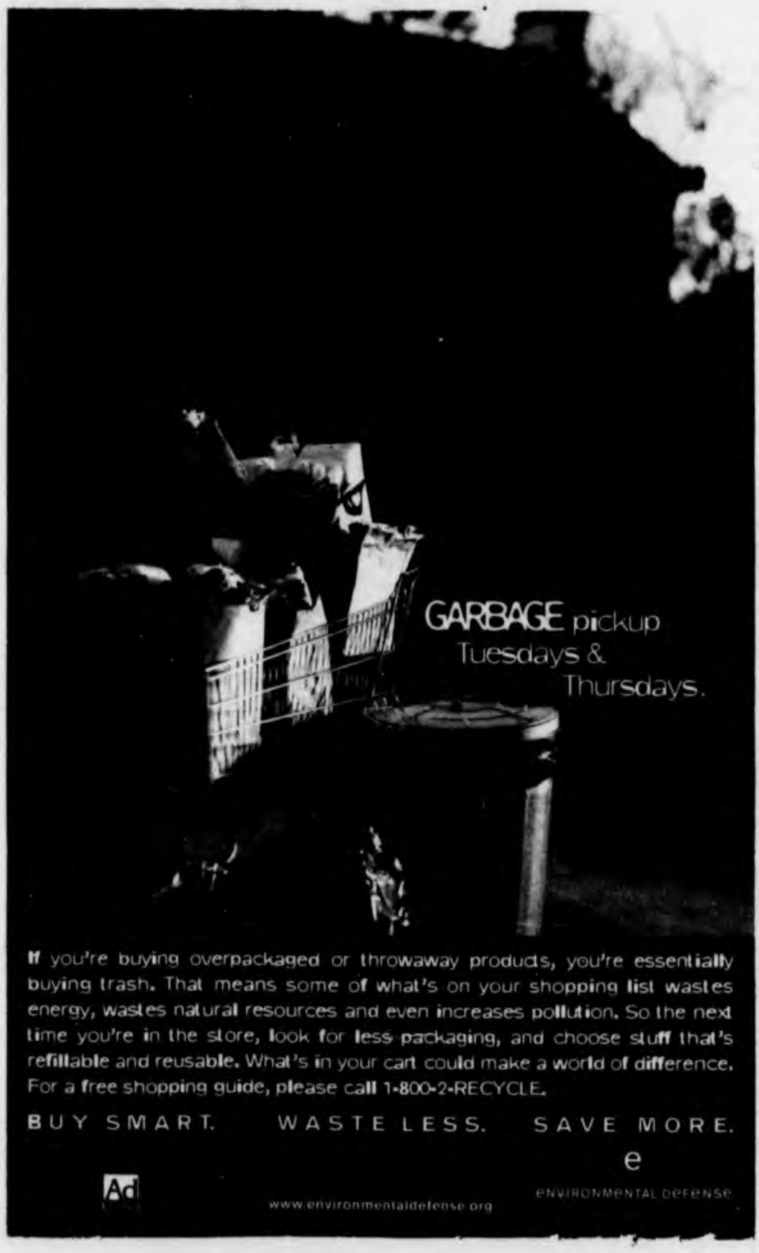
However, everything is not always simple. He commented that there are more challenging facets of the sport at a college level than in high school. The opponents now tend to be very skilled, making Gallagher have to push himself even harder to excel. Another testing factor is that his teammates encourage him to work hard with advice and encouragement. This ultimately benefits Brendan as he receives constructive criticism that has the potential to improve his performance.

Overall, Gallagher has proven himself to be a devoted member of our cross-country team, which is reflected in not only his outstanding performance, but also through the overall quality of Muhlenberg's team. Gallagher's confidence and skill will serve as useful resources as Muhlenberg works to achieve the highest level of success it can in what will hopefully be a very worthwhile and triumphant season.

Foot Locker
1997

Photo by Josh Lebson

In his short time at Muhlenberg, Brendan has established himself as a valuable asset to the track and field team, already holding four school records.



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Men's Soccer starts off the season with globe trotting UK tour

Ranked third in C.C. preseason coaches' poll

By Ching Yuen Hui
Weekly Sports Columnist

The men's soccer team started its pre-season UK-tour from August 9 to August 22. This year, the team made stops on famous soccer ground such as Glasgow in Scotland and Everton in England. Under the guidance of the NCAA Division III's most respected coach, Jeff Tipping, the Mules made terrific preparation. They were ranked third in the Centennial Conference preseason coaches poll, behind traditional powerhouses and rivals Johns Hopkins University and Gettysburg College. The team hopes to improve from last year's combined record of 13 wins, 4 losses and 1 draw.

After the UK tour, the team resumed practices right away. From August 23 on, Coach Tipping concentrated on strategic training, including the use of the width of the field, defense on the middle third of the field, the baseline cross attack and free-kick tactics.

Prior to this weekend's Kwik Goal / T.G.I. Friday's Classic, the team played scrimmage games against regional teams Lafayette College, Kutztown University and the University of Scranton, and participated in the Drew Fall Festival at Drew University this past weekend. On the opening day of the Drew Tournament, the Mules suffered a disappointing setback against the College of New Jersey. Albie Lobbato's first-half lone goal gave the College of New Jersey a close victory. The next day, the Mules came in second again against Drew University. For the second consecutive day, the Mules dropped a 1-0 decision at the Drew tournament. Drew University's Andres Loaiza scored the only goal of the game in the 34th minute with an assist from Kenneth Maietta. Head Coach Jeff Tipping stated, "We were unlucky in not picking up wins last weekend, but we are looking to pick up our first wins this weekend. I want Muhlenberg students to know that we have a fast and exciting team. Senior fullback Brad Kocher and freshman forward Justin Marx were both named to the All-Tournament Team."

The college will host this weekend's annual Kwik Goal/ T.G.I.Friday's Classic. It will be a two-day event featuring teams like Roanoke, Bethany and S. Maine. On Sept. 8, Roanoke will entertain Bethany at 12 p.m. while the Mules compete against S. Maine at 5 p.m. Roanoke will play against S. Maine at 2 p.m. and the Mules will host Bethany at 7 p.m. The team also hopes to improve its attendance from last year's seventh in Division III.

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Sports

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Mules score big in season opener

McCabe and Carter connect for three TDs to lead Mules to win

By Michael Billet
Asst. Sports Editor

The football team was victorious in its season opener this past Saturday against The United States Merchant Marine Academy (King's Point) at Scotty Wood Stadium.

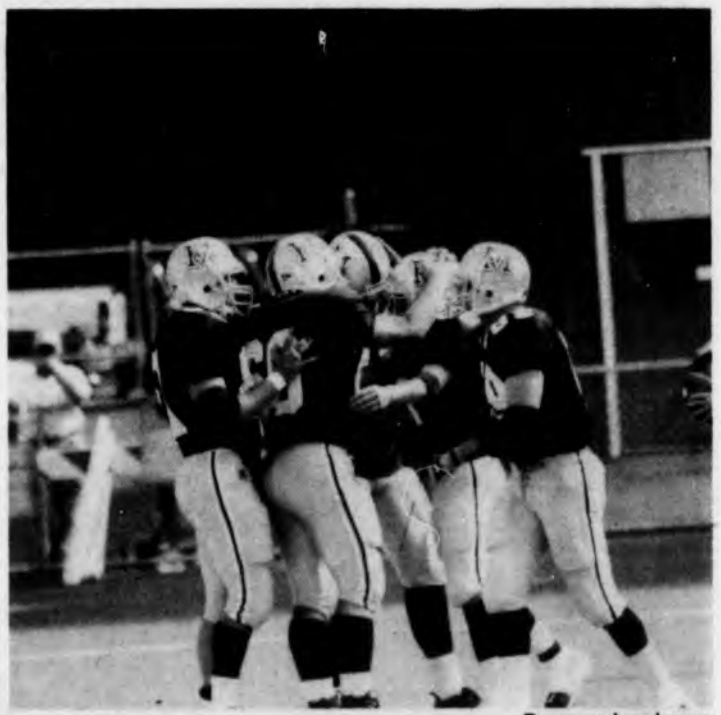
The sun beat down on the players and fans, and temperatures in the mid-eighties threatened to cause injury before the game even began. Yet despite the hot and humid conditions the teams faced on the field, the Mules' intensive off-season training regimen and week-long preparation paid off.

On the game's opening drive, King's Point quarterback Dan Circelli took them down the field, resulting in a field goal by Matt Warren. Muhlenberg countered back during the next drive with senior quarterback Mike McCabe completing a fourteen yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver and returner Josh Carter.

> *"For the first game, I am very pleased. I thought we did a good job, holding the other team scoreless in the second half."*
>
> Coach Mike Donnelly

It was the beginning of a wonderful day for All-American candidate Carter, who proceeded to dominate the game. King's Point rallied back to take the lead with a 13 play, 80-yard drive, which resulted in their only touchdown. Then, in an electrifying kick-off return Carter set the tone for the rest of the game by hurdling over would be tacklers and returning the ball 56 yards to the King's Point 35 yard line. On the next play, McCabe completed a 35 yard post pattern pass to Carter making the score 14-10 in favor of the Mules. The Mules scored again just before the half on a run by sophomore running back Anthony Wolfsohn. This touchdown was set up by a excellent Carter punt return.

During the second half, the Mules' defense held King's Point's offense scoreless, while the Mules' offense scored two touchdowns, thanks to excellent field position, which was primarily set up by electrifying punt returns by Carter. After a touchdown by freshman running back Matt Bernado in the third quarter, McCabe connected with Carter on a 73 yard long bomb for the last touchdown of the game, making the final score 34-10.



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Muhlenberg players congratulate each other after another terrific play.

Photo by Josh Lebson

The Mules' defense held King's Point to only 82 total yards of offense in the second half.

In the game, Wolfsohn rushed for 82 yards on 17 carries including one touchdown, while McCabe threw for 288 yards and three touchdowns, all three to Carter. The Mules gained 177 total yards on the ground for the day.

However, the real star of the game was Carter, who had 297 all-purpose yards, including 157 receiving yards. In only the first game of his junior season, Carter broke the all time school record for all purpose yardage, previously set by John Sartori (1976-1979), with 3,304 yards.

All Muhlenberg football fans should be very excited about what they're going to see over the next two months. After numerous rebuilding seasons, the Mules are set to make a legitimate run at the playoffs. Strong leadership from seniors and a flurry of new talent should help propel the team into postseason play.

Head Coach Mike Donnelly characterized his team by saying, "For the first game, I am very pleased. Although there still needs to be work done, I was impressed with the player's effort and level of conditioning down the stretch. I thought we did a pretty good job in the blazing heat, holding the other team scoreless in the second half."

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Sophomores to be barred from parking on campus

Questions on effective date

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

The College will stop giving parking passes to sophomores because of the influx of students on campus and because of the large increase in students who want to park in College lots.

Through the efforts of Campus Safety and Student Council, a committee was formed last April to study the problem. A subdivision of Student Council, the Campus Safety Committee, headed by Senior Juliet Kholi, has joined with Campus Safety to address the College's parkingdilemma.

Three years ago, a change was made to the student handbook declaring that no freshmen or sophomores were to receive a parking permit for campus lots.

According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, this was "the result of the College having reviewed what needed to happen due to the excess of vehicles because of the amount of incoming students." He said that this rule has been in the

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Hillel dedicated with international figure

Richard Joel at the podium at Sunday's Hillel dedication. Photo by Emily Pannebaker

Inaugeration for new Chew St. house

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor in Chief

This Sunday afternoon, 500 students, parents, alumni, community leaders, faculty and staff of all faiths gathered on the 2200 block of Chew Street to experience and honor the dedication of the new Hillel House with food, fellowship and dancing.

The building serves not only as a center for Jewish life on campus, but as a symbol of the growing Jewish community that comprises a quarter of the student body.

"Students don't just want to survive, they want to belong...this is a place of community," explained Richard Joel, the President and International Director of Hillel, keynote speaker for the event.

The College was honored to welcome Joel to campus; he is a highly esteemed Jewish figure dedicated to rejuvenating Hillels everywhere and promoting Jewish life on campuses as small as Muhlenberg.

Patti Mittleman, Hillel Director, College President Arthur Taylor, student Hillel Executive Board President Junior Alex Frommer, Rabbi Daniel Feder and Cantor Mina Hyman from the Keneseth Israel Congregation all spoke at the Dedication ceremony.

The Hillel House at 2238 Chew Street has a new Torah Scroll and mezuzah, which reminds those who come to the house how to act at home and in the world.

As the second largest student organization on campus, the ceremony was held to celebrate and to acknowledge President Taylor and the support of the entire College, who made it possible for the new place of community to be "built," said Mittleman.

"This is truly a place where people of all faiths can feel com-

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Mixed response to plagiarism concerns

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Following the College's recent concern about academic honesty, an array of students have expressed that either they are unclear on what constitutes plagiarism or they would not report another student who plagiarises, as the academic behavior code requires them to do.

"Morally, I would feel obliged to, but it's so hard to do because they're your peers," one junior, Amber Gearhart, said. "You feel somewhat like a traitor."

At last! Numbers!

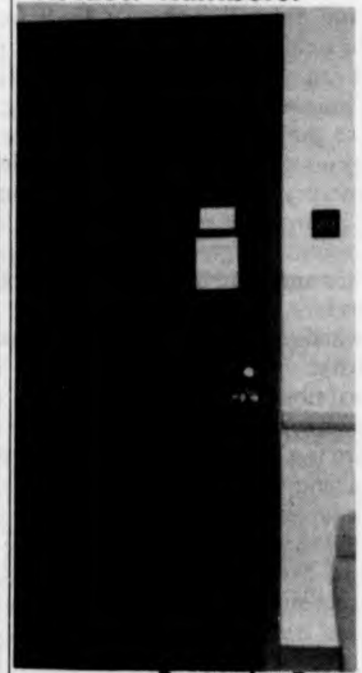

Photo by Jeff Baird

Until Saturday, students wandered through Moyer Hall without the guidance of classroom and office numbers.

Many other students echoed these sentiments: about half of the students interviewed for this article said they would not turn someone in if they discovered plagiarism.

Senior Erin Cunningham said she would not report someone for cheating because she believes it is not her place to judge another student's behavior and would be concerned about levying a false accusation against a peer.

Still others said that they would address the issue privately with the student rather than report it to the professor.

"I'm sure I wouldn't report it, but that doesn't mean I don't think some kinds of cheating is wrong," one junior said.

Some of the interviewees agreed to speak only on the condition that their names not be used.

But all of the freshmen interviewed said they would turn in another student for cheating.

Some said that in "general fairness" to other students who work honestly, peers in the class should report any instances of plagiarism to the professor.

"The values should be upheld by the school," Freshman Christina Coons said.

Last week, The Muhlenberg Weekly reported that the College has declared a rededication to academic honesty after several severe incidents of plagiarism at the end of last year.

The Center for Ethics and Leadership, under the direction of Dr. Marjorie Haas, will be studying the underlying reasons for cheating and plagiarizing on campus.

Sophomore Chrissy Leslie said she would turn someone in, but only if she were completely sure the person cheated. She and colleague Ed Easterly agreed that if a student is proven to have plagiarized, their punishment should be in that class rather than an expulsion from school.

Dana Ianuzzi, a sophomore, said she would report to a professor if she were sure that a peer cheated. "I wouldn't want it done to me, but I wouldn't be that stupid," she said, adding: "I think it's punishment enough to be found out, to have your professors know what you did."

Most students took a somewhat lenient attitude regarding an appropriate punishment for students who cheat.

Elizabeth Pomento, a student teacher who graduated last year and is living on campus, said that as an educator, it would be inappropriate to punish the student with their grade because it does not assess what they know. Pomento and all

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OP/ED

Questioning the validity of policy enforcement

The Student Handbook opens with "Muhlenberg College students...as members of the College community, they also have a responsibility to preserve a collegiate environment for the benefit of other students." The Handbook is a publication of the College that informs students of the College's rules and expectations of behavior.

The Academic Behavior Code is perhaps one of the most important set of rules and guidelines outlined in the Handbook. However, many of the rules set forth are rarely enforced. For example, students are supposed to write on every piece of work handed in to be graded, "I pledge that I have complied with the Academic Behavior Code in this work," and following that, their signature.

If professors require anything at all to be put on papers and tests, it's simply ABC and a signature. This pledge is the very backbone of the Academic Behavior Code, it's very much like taking an oath in a court of law. Without this oath, there is little to no motivation to follow the Academic Behavior Code. It is the rare professor that even requires this. When Administration becomes lazy about enforcing its policies, rules are broken. Students don't think about the Academic Behavior Code every time they turn in a piece to be graded. Mistakes are made a lot easier when the Code doesn't have to be thought about constantly. Plagiarism was an incredible problem last year. This year the College has decided to politely inform the freshmen this year, during orientation, that any form of plagiarism is grounds to go before the Judicial Board. And yet still no mention of the Code?

Yet another policy that the College chose not enforce was sophomore parking. The handbook states under parking rules and regulations, "First year and sophomore students may not have a vehicle on campus unless they have requested and received (in writing) permission from the Director of Campus Safety...If the vehicle is found on campus it will be towed...A first-year student with an unregistered vehicle on campus will be cited and his/her case will be referred to the judicial system."

For the past three years, it has been stated in the handbook that sophomores were not to be allowed to have cars on campus. However, Campus Safety decided not to enforce it. Many sophomores were happy because of this, no doubt. But why start enforcing it all of a sudden?

Parking has always been a problem here. Most parking lots have very few empty parking spots left, if any, once all the cars have been registered. With the increasing size of the incoming classes, more and more students will bring cars to campus. By prohibiting sophomores from bringing their cars to campus, that frees up that much more parking for upperclassmen.

It costs the college $8,000 to buy the land, construct, and maintain each individual parking space. Yet it costs students only $10 to register their cars. A car cannot even be parked for an hour in most downtown areas for that much. Most BMW-driving students would gladly pay more to fund a new parking lot. Or we could take some money left over from the $11,000,000 renovation to Walz. Something needs to be done.

The Admissions Office interests high school students by informing them of the culture of the surrounding area. The handbook states, "You don't have to travel an hour away to enjoy a break from campus life...The Allentown Art Museum is a good regional fine arts museum. People in the Allentown area never miss a chance to celebrate, so the city is rich in community activities, fairs, and block parties." It's very true that a car is not needed to travel to these different places; however, to go anywhere past the Allentown Fair or the Giant, a car really is needed. Currently, the shuttle does not offer a solution because it only operates on *weekends*.

Now that sophomores won't be allowed to have cars, many more people won't have access to these things. Many of the first year students don't have the opportunity to make friends with juniors and seniors, who are the only people with cars on campus.

The College is realizing too late that it is necessary to enforce these policies. The student parking rules written in the handbook should have been enforced from the beginning, and now must be be reevaluated.

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Due to recent events, we thought a letter was necessary because you may not be fully aware of the conditions in East. The cracks in the walls and ceilings, protruding pipes, peeling paint, stuck windows, and flickering overhead lights are inconvenient but not completely intolerable. However, during the last two weeks, we have had frequent power shortages, sporatic hot water, inconsistent phone connection, and Internet hook up for only a chosen few. We also have a population of spiders, moths, and an infestation of insects of the unidentifiable variety. The recent power outage, which we know was necessary, was supposed to be over at six, but it continued past ten p.m. This resulted in spoiled food in our refrigerators, overheating from a lack of fans, no light, and many other inconveniences. It has come to our attention that this was authorized for Friday instead of a Saturday when we would not need alarm clocks to wake up for class or computers to write papers. It is rather distressing that we pay the same fee for our rooms as other students, but receive far less in accommodations. We are not asking for added luxuries like air conditioning, just living necessities like hot water and a clean environment.

- Julia Schofield, East resident

A grass-roots democracy

Dustin Stein
Opinion Columnist

I would like to commend the articles written by Lucas Tomanelli and Priscilla Begin in last week's edition of *The Weekly*. They both designate the areas in which our current "democracy" fails, and do so in a thorough manner. The only existing problem then, is what can we do? Neither of them gives a concrete alternative, and both allude to the same one: establish a grass-roots democracy. A grass-roots democracy would eliminate the special-interest money and soft money that caused the greed and corruption that runs amuck in the U.S. government, therefore establishing a true democracy where our vote is the candidate's priority.

We are in an ideal situation to implement a true democracy in this upcoming election. There is a real candidate who wants to hear our voices but not the change in our purse; who wants to allay our fears and assist us in ridding our country of this pseudo-pluralistic, that is corporate-run, a conspiratoral plutocracy that truly defines our current system. His name is Ralph Nader. He has fought on the consumer's and people's side since he won his lawsuit against GM in 1965, causing Congress to make stricter safety standards on cars. His integral role in environmental and human rights legislation has been a driving force behind the passage of many air-quality and consumer-rights bills.

How do we know he is for real? That is a simple question. He refuses to take any PAC money, any special interest money, not even from local Green Parties, and will take a maximum donation of $2000 per person. He is for a complete overturn of the current political campaign system, in which the government would fund campaigns so the almighty power of the corporate dollar will once again be rendered worthless in the political spectrum. He feels every candidate should have equal opportunity to receive government funding to run a campaign.

What kind of "democracy" does not allow each candidate's voice to be heard? The corporate sponsors of the debate, from Anheiser-Busch to the tobacco companies, are worried that if an intelligent mind like Nader's enters the debates he can garner enough support to make it a three way political race. And in making it a three way political race, where he is a viable candidate, their dollar and soft-money in the pockets of bore and gush are worth even less, and possible worthless in the near future with the possibility of a Green Party of Nader presidency. They are scared with obvious reasons, because he is a supe-

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Lessons learned from Easter Island

Priscilla Begin
Opinion Columnist

Has anyone ever heard about the mystery of Easter Island? This remote island in the South Pacific has long been the subject of intrigue for behaviorists, anthropologists and scientists alike. Easter Island gained infamy because of a number of giant stone statues called Maoi. These statues are enormous heads near the sea, obvious indicators of a once sophisticated civilization. The mystery of the island is where the statues came from, what they mean and where the people who once inhabited this island went.

When the island was found by explorers in the 1500s, it was barren with only grass and small shrubs for vegatation. The natives were savage and cannibalistic, unable to live on the meager plants and small animals at their disposal.

Recent anthropological studies and pollen core samples revealed that when the first inhabitants arrived on the island sometime between 400 and 800 A.D., it was lush with vegetation, containing many varieties of trees, shrubs and plants. The islanders settled down and began a life on the island. Their population grew and they chopped down the trees for buildings and farm space and intensively mined the land. Their trees were perfect for their use, and allowed them to specialize in deep sea fishing for porpoises and dolphins, an advance unheard of among surrounding populaces. They eventually developed an advanced civilization with division of labor and classes, with the Maoi being built by the kings as monuments to civilization's greatness.

But as they cut down all the trees and over-farmed the land, the soil began to erode into the sea. Without the trees, they lost their staple of deep sea fishing, and the crops they grew and the animals on the island could not support the population. Eventually, war broke out between the ruling and working classes, with most of the ruling class killed. Soon the islanders began to starve, and disease spread throughout the island. With no trees, the people could not build boats to leave the island, and by 1800, almost every member of a once advanced civilization was dead.

Why did all of the Easter Islanders die? It was not because of the civil war or the lack of technology. The islanders died because they failed to care for their environment. They cut down all the trees, mined the land and overpopulated the island. When the island ran out of resources, the islanders could not leave because they had killed their only way of escape.

Living on Earth in the year 2000, we do not have the luxury of building wooden boats and sailing away to another more bountiful place. We have to live with the mistakes we make. The microcosm of Easter Island can be applied to modern life. Everything we buy is pre-packaged, boxed and individually wrapped. We take extra long showers, drive when we could walk or bike and are constantly expanding our own living spaces. We cut down trees, pollute rivers, lakes and oceans, and destroy acres of forests to create farmland.

How can we prevent Easter Island from happening to us? We do not have to drastically alter our lives, or institute government control over how many children we can have. We can start walking across campus instead of driving and getting recycling bins in all the rooms. People are willing to recycle and preserve the earth if they are only given a chance.

While we waste food, throw out clothing and live in our air-conditioned rooms, loggers are cutting down forests, fishermen are over-fishing the seas and factories are pumping out gallons of pollution a day.

Americans do not need to throw out their J. Crew sweaters or stop using hair spray, but we do need to be aware of the damage our lifestyle, in particular, is doing to the environment. If each person could just throw a few more cans into the recycling bin, take a shorter shower, or even make sure to turn off the lights when they leave a room, then we could make a huge difference in the environment and the "Easter Island" that we live on.

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rior debater to bore and gush, who will give us a debate which should help No-Doz stock rise if anyone plans to stay attentive during this mud-slinging, corporate sell-out debates, all assuming they can come to terms for a debate. Unlike the other politicians in this race, Nader wants to help the people and always has; he is not a daddy's-boy or entrepreneurial failure who wants to ride on the curtails of his father's fortune or success, but is a true moral candidate, who does what he says. The citizen's voice can be heard, and must be heard. If we are sick of the corrupt corporate dollar running America, we must do as Gandhi stresses, "we must be the change we wish to see in this world." For further information about Nader check out www.votenader.org.

Dustin Stein '01 has designed his own major in Religion and Political Theory

Sentinel and the watchdog

Dr. James Bloom
Weekly Advisor

While students were away, dazzling summer employers with their intellect and assiduousness or roadening their perspectives through travel, the Muhlenberg administration issued a new issue of The Chew Street Sentinel. One student had to go so far as to e-mail Barking a request to send him any spare copy of the Sentinel Barking could dig up or beg. Luckily for the fiscal soundness of the college, which the Sentinel stressed, Barking didn't even bill the PR office for performing this vital outreach service.

The mystery surrounding this cornucopia of good news and good cheer: Why was it published when few students and even a reduced complement of faculty were around to enjoy it. A possible, partial explanation for this stealth might lie in a front-page sidebar, a column bearing the irresistibly rhyming title "The View From Chew." Even though Barking launches into paroxysms of joyous howling at the very sound of the word chew—so much so that high on his list of "reasons" "to value Muhlenberg, another full-page Sentinel feature, is that it stands abreast of that deliciously named thoroughfare, Chew Street—this column made a historical reference that shocked Barking right down to his paw pads. Barking's tongue hung low, his rheumy puppy eyes widening in reading the Chew-View columnist's glowing citation of Henry Ford as as role model for his own management style. Barking felt as if he had just peered into his dog house and found Cruella De Ville (any relationship to Cadillac?) paring her nails as she lured him to the coat factory.

Ford's biographies do mention a few admirable golden years, around 1914, that Ford enjoyed as a corporate founder and CEO. While introducing assembly-line manufacturing, Ford paid his employees substantially more than the prevailing wage for factory work, in order promote productivity and esprit on the shop floor. (Now there's a Milkbone Barking could really sink his canines into.)

This golden day of humane management, though, had the staying power of a pound of chuck in Barking's dish. Every study of Ford documents that, from 1916 until his death in 1947, Ford did everything imaginable to obliterate his reputation as a humane innovator and to earn his more durable reputation as a bigot, a bully, and a business failure. Soon after the outbreak of World War I Ford mounted a campaign savaging the "INTERNATIONAL JEW" as the cause of all the world's problems, especially the war. This Jew-baiting proved a bad marketing strategy for Ford products since in America's newly burgeoning Jewish neighborhoods, owning a Model A or T was considered poor taste, treason to the community during the 1920s and 1930s. Ford's newly asserted world affairs expertise embroiled him a libel suit against a Chicago newspaper during which Ford ended up testifying that he had never heard of the American Revolution and thought "chili con carne" was a large mobile army.

During the 1920s Ford transformed the company he founded into a police state by hiring his trusted henchman Harry Bennet. Recent biographers of Ford describe Bennett as a scrappy thug "equally adept as a troubleshooter and troublemaker." Bennett's mission was to transform Ford's state-of-the-art River Rouge plant into a concentration camp. Bennett forbade auto assemblers to talk or smile. Business Week's veteran Detroit correspondent, William Hampton, recounts that " by the start of World War II the conniving Bennett and addled Ford had turned Ford into a "madhouse," so that only the heroic efforts of Henry's son Edsel held the company together – and he came close to failing. Over the summer Ford's heirs were accused by Times financial columnist Floyd Norris and by the vast teachers' pension funds manager TIAA-CREF of trying to swindle current non-family Ford stockholders. Could the Fords be proof, as my grandmother used to say, that the apple never falls very far from the tree?

In view of the Sentinel 's idolizing of Ford as a management sage, the most appalling aspect of Ford's willful destruction of his own company, was his transformation, by the early 1930s, of his namesake organization from the most profitable and dynamic manufacturer in the world into a distant third behind its one lagging merger-spurred rivals, GM and Chrysler. In the early 1940s, Ford's own family finally addressed their patriarch's dismal failures, both moral and commercial, banishing the founding father from the enterprise that he had so boldly built and so monstrously sought to ruin.

These historical facts are hardly obscure or recondite. Anyone with a handy library or a web browser can easily ascertain them. The Sentinel's subtitle boasts of its dedication "to careful research." In time for its next issue, Sentinel editors might consider dropping that pledge and if their boasted dedication to "justice" includes justice for factory workers and for the "international Jew" whom their hero Ford demonized, they might consider revising their motto—especially if they ever plan to publish again when readers might actually be on campus. In all seriousness and in friendly spirit of collegiality among journalists, Barking urges the Sentinel staff to exhibit more sensitivity and thoroughness in future issues.

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Weekly Discourse: Academic Behavior Code Violations

Is honesty the best policy? Honesty vs. trust in the student

Dr. Marjorie Hass
Guest Opinion Columnist

"When a man cites a tradition in the name of the person who uttered it, he must speak as if that person were standing right before him." (Talmud)

"Could the activity of Thinking as such, the habit of examining whatever comes to pass...regardless of the results and specific content, could this activity be among the conditions that make men abstain from evil doing or even actually condition them against it?" (Hannah Arendt, *The Life of the Mind*)

The problems posed by the recent rise in reported cases of plagiarism seem easy enough to identify. Cheating cannot be tolerated in an academic environment. It breaks the basic contract upon which education is founded. New technologies make cheating easier, threatening this bond even further. Once trust is violated, the educational enterprise is forever changed. Our condemnation of plagiarism is just. But if we make it our stopping point we will miss the chance to confront a deeper and more significant problem.

To speak the words of another as though they were your own is to admit your failure to think. Plagiarism is the most egregious form of failure to think but it is not the only one. Avoiding complexity, employing stock phrases, saying again what has already been said, saying only what is comfortable, ignoring competing evidence—all are ways of writing without having to think. As we address academic integrity, I want to suggest that we frame the problem in a way that acknowledges our many resistances to thinking. So positioned, we can no longer imagine that the best solution is to isolate the dishonest few from the honest many.

In this light, worries about plagiarism on campus take on a new cast. We are lead to wonder about the degree to which our everyday practices support our stated commitment to thinking and learning. Genuine learning requires a confrontation with difference. It is not achieved easily or quickly. New ideas are startling, and often frightening. The need to respond to them, or to incorporate them, takes energy. It requires the sacrifice of comfort for the possibility of greater understanding.

An atmosphere conducive to thinking respects the seriousness with which thinking must be pursued. It allows big ideas to surface. It nurtures dispute. And it tempers these risks with trust and care. The responsibility for creating or maintaining this atmosphere rests with each one of us. I hope that we are able to aim high and demand more from ourselves than the mere avoidance of outright dishonesty. Beyond this limit, we can help each other face the challenges of thinking in an authentic way.

We can make a place that honors learning.

The Academic Integrity Project, sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Leadership, aims at uncovering and strengthening the elements of our campus life that contribute to academic integrity, broadly construed. Professor Susan Leggett will direct a team of faculty, staff and students in this research. To participate in the project, contact Marjorie Hass.

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Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

The disenchantment of students on campus with regard to academics can be directed to their suspicious professors enforcing "their Golden Rule." They inform students to sign their academic behavior code and signature all work they complete for a grade. Most students signing the bare letters of "ABC" look no further into the code for the meaning of integrity in their work.

The integrity that is kept within us can always be disintegrated due to the unwilling and frightful views that professors have with regards to their students. With plagiarism a central idea among the faculty and academic committees on campus, students should be looking over their shoulder for their "Big Brothers."

I am certainly not in favor of any form of cheating, plagiarizing, or any type of collusion between students. Not that I am old-fashioned, but I have always believed in the good form of trust and integrity between two people. An educator and his or her student build a fine line of trust that should be understood from the beginning. This concept of rapport should be constructed at an early age.

Students embrace the eloquent words that professional authors write and mold them in their own works for class. The citing of primary sources is one thing, but the way in which students will plagiarize a secondary source is abominable. (This means everyone has every read the Cliff Notes for an epic novel – *Hamlet, The Jungle* or some other long work. We have all used it once in our lives.)

The students' integrity can be trusted by the College, rather than paper and ink. Next time you write a term paper or take an exam, decide if the words written have merit, and are not in conflict with your morals and ethics. The academic behavior code is a written statement, but will it ever relay the message of integrity within each of us? The academic enforcement officers (students call them professors) need to see their criminals, the students, under a different light.

Trust is the point to be made with the academic behavior code of the College. The administration, faculty, and all their committees must have a different way in which to gain the trust with the students. Students are knowledgeable of the consequences of their falsified work. A way to remove this hypocrisy of gaining trust with students and having academic integrity is to bring out the true bonds between students and their teachers. Students could look back to when they would call their teachers a their mentors, but now they are the enforcers of the precious "code."

The world as a whole can take some advice from the College; the music industry for one, can look at an excellent example—Vanilla Ice. Respect and royalties must be given to the musicians David Bowie and Queen for their great duo of "Under Pressure." Many students, including myself, enjoy the original song rather than cheap rip-off copy.

If Muhlenberg College were to follow the lead of the television industry, they could change their academic policies to "Big Brother is reading your paper."

Those students interested in continuing this charade of falsifying their work with snippets of others work are without merit. Those students with integrity should feel satisfaction in completing their assignments with honesty. Their integrity stands without reference to the alphabet.

ABC – I have to show some credibility!

x Michael Goldsmith

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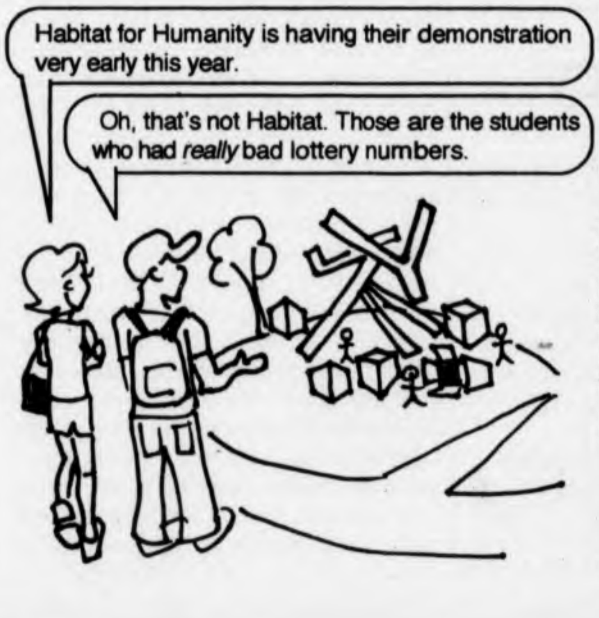
Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: Death Penalty Debate Prison-Industrial Complex or Fair Justice?

Those interested in contributing e-mail Dave at dsobotki@muhlenberg.edu


Habitat for Humanity is having their demonstration very early this year.
Oh, that's not Habitat. Those are the students who had *really* bad lottery numbers.

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OFF CAMPUS

Sydney, Australia—The International Amateur Athletic Federation ruled this month that Javier Sotomayor's two year suspension for illegal cocaine use should be cut in half. Sotomayor, 32, from Cuba, has also been cleared for competition in this year's Olympic Games in Sydney even though some members of the International Olympic Committee have expressed doubts about the merits of his participation.

Harrisburg, Pa.—State Representative Tom Druce entered a plea bargain with prosecutors in Harrisburg whereby he will plead guilty to a fatal hit-and-run accident which killed one man. The former Representative will resign his seat and will be sentenced to at least a year in prison. His plea is for two felony counts.

Indiana University—Bobby Knight, former coach of Indiana University's basketball team, was fired by the University's president this week. Knight has been the center of a storm of controversy regarding his rough and at times inappropriate handling of the players. Most recently, he attacked one of his students for addressing him without saying "Coach."

Allentown, Pa.—A 12-year old girl was accidentally shot in the stomach with a .22-caliber rifle by her brother this weekend. She underwent surgery Sunday night. The children were at home when the shooting happened.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers	**Showers**	**Mostly cloudy**
High 72 **Low 52**	**High 68** **Low 48**	**High 68** **Low 47**

Students concerned about behavior code and honesty

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others interviewed said that expulsion is too severe a punishment.

"It's their choice. It doesn't have much of an effect on my life and what I'm learning," Pomento said.

This is perhaps due in part to a wariness about what actually constitutes plagiarism. Though the Academic Behavior Code says that plagiarism deals with "knowingly" copying or stealing ideas, some students are worried that they might plagiarize by accident.

"I can see where you can run into a problem," one junior said. "It's very easy to [plagiarize] and not mean to."

Ianuzzi agreed. "A lot of people don't consider what they do plagiarism," she said.

Coons and Freshman Cara Richman said that they both are unsure of how to cite sources with paraphrasing and indirect quotations.

Others say that they have learned through experience at the high school level where punishments are more severe. Most upperclassmen interviewed said, though, that they have been more careful not to make mistakes since coming to college.

Teresa Lunardi, a junior, said that she has known for a long time how to properly cite sources and how not to plagiarize, but said: "I think I've been more careful [not to make mistakes] since I've come to college."

Crowded lots move College to bar sophomores

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Student cars crowd the lot behind Martin Luther Hall and line 23rd St. last week.

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handbook for three years but has not been enforced.

Due to the enormous increase in students and vehicles, the Campus Safety Committee was formed.

This committee has worked in conjunction with Campus Safety to review the rules and regulations concerning vehicles and driving safety on campus.

The committee has aided in making some minor changes to the handbook.

Campus Safety, Ken Lupole and the committee are working together to form a new set of regulations that will be fair to the student body.

Kholi said that "to put this rule into effect in the fall of 2001 would not be fair to this year's freshmen."

She added that the committee's goal is to "try and help everyone."

If Student Council gets its way, the new parking rules would become effective in the fall of 2002. But Ken Lupole said that the rules would be enforced next fall and that he is publicizing the issue now. No students who have parking passes now will be affected; the rules will affect either this year's freshmen or next year's freshmen first. Lupole has suggested that he would start enforcing the rule next fall. So far this year, about 500 parking permits have been issued, Lupole said.

> *"We're also seeing an increase in freshmen requesting to have a car on campus as well. That just adds to the mix."*
>
> Ken Lupole

At night, there are between 700 and 750 spaces available for student parking but many of those spaces are reserved for faculty during the day. Students must be out of those spaces before 8:00 a.m.

Kholi believes that it is the committee's job to act as representatives for the student body. Their primary function is to listen to the students and form ideas based on the students' opinions.

"We make suggestions and report directly to Ken Lupole; however, it is Campus Safety, not [the committee], who has the power to change the College's rules," Kholi said.

There has been discussion that perhaps sophomores would require special permission or a doctor's request to be allowed access to a parking permit. With the College accepting a larger number of incoming freshmen than in previous years, measures are being taken to ensure that juniors, seniors and faculty have sufficient parking. The freshman class of 1999 was 551 students, and this year the freshman class of 2004 increased by 32 students bringing the total up to 583.

According to Lupole, "We're also seeing a increase in freshman requesting to have a car on campus as well. That just adds to the mix."

While no final decision has been made as of yet, the committee and Campus Safety are working in a joint effort to resolve this very prominent issue.

Installation in progress
a sea change

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

"A Sea Change" by Frank Lind will open tomorrow with a reception at 4 p.m.

Gallery opens sea landscape with Lind

BY ANDREW MAY
Weekly Staff Writer

The Martin Art Gallery will host an opening reception tomorrow commencing its first exhibit of the academic year: "A Sea Change: New Paintings by Frank Lind."

It begins a series which will have as its theme "art by artists who teach" and will honor the 25th anniversary of the gallery.

The artist, Frank Lind, was recently appointed Dean of the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. Lind has worked there for 25 years, starting soon after he received his M.A. from the school in 1974.

Although Lind continues to live and work in Brooklyn, he does not allow the busy tendencies of the city to permeate his artwork. This is reflected in his "Sea Change" series, a portrayal of the beauty and peacefulness of the ocean.

Dr. Lori Verderame, Director of the Martin Art Gallery, said: "I try to choose the work of the finest artist I can get. My aim is to provide the College and the Lehigh Valley community with examples of the finest art."

In the past, Verderame has chosen a wide variety of artists to have their works displayed in Martin Art Gallery. Such artists include Allan Freelon, the late African-American painter, as well as Lydia Panas, a contemporary photographer and lecturer at the College.

As for future plans for the gallery, Verderame, who is presently working on her second book, has received one million dollars in art gifts over the past four years, and, most recently, the gallery received a piece by Frank Lind. The entire collection will be on display starting tomorrow, when Lind will be available for discussion.

Two-hundred fifty to 500 are expected to be in attendance for the event. The exhibit will run through Nov. 3.

Mittleman addresses scholars in Prague

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Alan Mittleman, a Head of the Religion department, represented the College in Prague this summer when he gave an address to an international conference of scholars.

The conference, sponsored by the Becket Fund, studied state-imposed atheism (such as communism and nazism), state-imposed theocracy (such as systems in Iran and Saudi Arabia) and democracies where there is a "secularist consensus among the cultural elite."

Alan Mittleman in Prague.

The Becket fund defends groups, individuals and cities in religious liberty cases, Mittleman said.

Speakers and attendees were from Poland, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria and several sites in the west.

One notable speaker was Harvard University professor Marian Glendon, who spoke about the right to religious liberty in the United Nations' declaration of human rights.

Also in attendance was the Vatican's mideast expert who negotiated the Concordat with Palestinian athorities.

The Prague conference, the third in a series, was held in the capital of the Czech Republic, where, Mittleman said, "the memory of Soviet domination is still quite fresh."

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Mittleman had the opportunity to experience that memory firsthand, as conference events took place in the parliament building of communist Czecholslovakia, where the communists gave their speeches.

Mittleman's presentation focused on "American Jewish ambivalence toward the American tradition of religious liberty."

"The purpose of the disestablishment clause was to serve the free exercise of religion," Mittleman said, but added that some Jews believe religion should be a private matter (like sex, Mittleman commented offhandedly) and that many Jews believe religion should not be flaunted in public, creating a tension between disestablishment and free exercise of religion.

Joe Lieberman, the Democratic vice-presidential nominee, is very forthright with his religious practices.

"He is really upsetting the American Jewish establishment," Mittleman said.

Mittleman received an invitation to attend the conference and, when he accepted, the Fund invited him to speak for 20 minutes because they had read some of his work published in First Things, a journal of religion in American public life.

When Mittleman finally gave his talk, it was during "a very solemn religions fast day" at 3 p.m. after he had been fasting all day.

"As I was giving my talk," Mittleman explained with a grin, "I lost my voice and Professor Glendon ran up to give me a glass of water and I had to say: 'I can't drink!'"

Mittleman plans to offer a course in religious ethics (Religion 330) in the fall. The course will focus on religion and politics in America.

Council releases preliminary allocations

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Student Council received budgets Monday from clubs and organizations that requested money for the fall semester.

Though the Council does not release its final numbers until the entire council votes, Treasurer Christina Coviello released the recommendations from the Finance Committee to the entire Council.

Coviello said that the Council generally approves those numbers.

The Council allocated about $130,000 last spring in Early Allocations.

Clubs draft a budget according to a finance manual and make their requests to Council.

Council gives money specifically for events rather than giving each organization money to spend as it chooses.

Finance Committee Recommendations

Asian Students Association	$325.70
Muses	$19.00
CCF	$685.00
RHA	$300.00
Amnesty International	$583.79
International Students Association	$530.67
Ribbon Project	$700.00
Anti Bias Club	$343.67
Perkulators	tabled
Le Circle Francais	$189.00
Outdoor Advanture Club	$2195.60
Communidad Latina	$421.00
Communications Club	$216.00
Society of Physics Students	$310.00

Flex payment problems on new wash machines

Problems with operation and charges to student accounts

OUT
OF
ORDER

Photo by Jeff Baird

Machines in Martin Luther Hall were out of order this week while the problems were straightened out.

By Michael Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

Students living on campus have seen a long-awaited change this year. No, it's not the new buildings or the fourth floor addition on Waltz Hall, but the new laundry machines in the campus housing.

The company that previously delivered the laundry machine service had its lease expire last year. Thus a new company, Caleco, took over the service, outbidding other companies.

Over the summer new Whirlpool laundry machines were installed in the residences.

There were problems with the machines during their first week in operation.

There have been cases of washing machines filled with water and others where soap has been covered all over clothing forcing students to transfer to another machine. The latter of these problems plagued a member of the class of 2003, Ilana Schraff.

"When I went to check on my clothes in the washing machine, they were covered with suds. So I put in another set of quarters and still the suds remained at the end of the cycle, so I transferred them to a different machine," stated Schraff.

Another problem has been the institution of the swipe card system for the laundry machines.

The system allows for a student to scan their student I.D. cards and to charge the laundry bill to their flex accounts.

There have been glitches in this system as well, and students have been losing money from their flex accounts. According to the office of Residential Services, the Comptroller's office has adjusted this problem and the swipe boxes are working correctly now.

Jan Schumacher, the Director of Residential Services, reported that "a big problem is that students aren't reporting machines that are broken to Housing."

Caleco is making repairs to machines as they are called in. "Housing has been returning cash refunds to students, who lost money in the Laundry Machines," said Schumacher.

Scharff said that housing was very cooperative and refunded her money; other people that she spoke to had the same results.

The washing machines and dryers installed by Caleco are new machines that were previously in storage.

It is possible that the machines were broken during shipment, causing the faulty operation.

Caleco also contends that students may not be used to these machines and should read the instructions carefully when washing their clothes.

Sometimes the water doesn't come down do to the fact the lid wasn't closed allow the way.

Every Hall has been affected by this problem and Caleco has been responsive and has sent representatives to investigate the problems.

However students must call in when they discover a machine is broken to help themselves and the company.

Some of the MILE Houses were delayed in getting the machines due to key changes over the summer or special orders. Housing reported that "they should have their machines by Sept. 18."

Mirrors not as safe as intended

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

The mirror that was installed across from the exit from the circle in front of the College did not do much to help Junior Christina Coviello.

Before she pulled her 1987 Cadillac out of the circle last week, she looked in the mirror recently installed to aid drivers looking down Chew St.

Another girl, who was speeding according to Coviello, hit the front of her car as she edged out of the driveway and totalled the Cadillac.

"I was looking at the mirror a split second before the accident happened," Coviello said. "They were more unsafe than safe."

She cannot say whether the mirror would have prevented her accident, but she did say that the mirrors did not provide as complete a view of the road as she had expected.

Students looking in the mirror may expect a clear view of the road, but they would not see cars in certain spots.

In Coviello's case, the other car had just minor damage while her Cadillac was totalled.

The Student Council Campus Safety committee was formed to ensure safer and more convenient parking conditions and was instrumental in the installation of the mirrors. The Committee will look into safer alternatives to the mirrors. Coviello suggested speed bumps to APD.

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Around Campus

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Partnership planned

Stephen L. Carter, a professor of law at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. will give an address on integrity at Egner Chapel Thursday.

The lecture is scheduled for 8 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in Moyer Hall.

Costa Rica opportunities

Michael Birnbaum, Director of the International Service Learning Organization, will speak Tuesday in the Lithgow Auditorium on medical service and other community service opportunities in Costa Rica. The address is scheduled for 7 p.m.

New residence hall

The College is expected to unveil the plans for renovations to Seegers Union and the Life Sports Center this week.

Established Guidelines for Muhlenberg College Fraternity Parties

1. All guests must enter through the front door, check in with Bear Security personnel (show their I.D. and a valid driver's license) and sign in. If they are 21 years of age or older, they will receive a wristband. Bear Security personnel will be provided with the wristbands.

2. Anyone caught consuming alcohol without a wristband will have their name taken and be subject to possible judicial proceedings.

3. Anyone believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be admitted.

4. All non-students must be registered with Campus Safety. If a guest is unregistered, the host student is in violation of the Visitor Policy as noted in the student handbook.

5. The College's BYOB policy must be strictly enforced and adhered to. Beer must be served in cans. Kegs and tap device systems are illegal.

6. For those who are 21 years of age or older, beer will be permitted on the dance floor. NO alcoholic beverages will be transporte
d upstairs to the residence area.

7. Guests of legal drinking age are permitted one six-pack (6 beers) per person. Brothers present are permitted to have their beer stored behind the bar (6 per brother).

8. Sufficient quantities of non-alcoholic beverages and snack food is readily accessible.

9. Registered parties begin at 10 p.m. and end at 2 a.m. There is a maximum occupancy capacity which is strictly enforced. If the house has reached capacity, a waiting line will form outside the front door. For every person leaving, one may enter. To increase your chance of immediate entry, early arrival is encouraged.

Campus Safety Notes

Sept. 5: solicitor. An outside company sent a solicitor to Walz hall to push magazine subscriptions on students. The company did not have a permit from the City nor did it have permission from the College. The company was issued a letter of tresspass.

Sept. 5: animal complaint. A dog bit a student at TKE. The student was treated by a doctor.

Sept. 5: fire alarm. Microwave cooking set off the fire alarm in Prosser Hall.

Sept. 5: lost property. A student lost a wallet and simplex card outside Walz Hall. The materials were returned by another student.

Sept. 5: vandalism. A blue light was taken off the emergency phone at 26th and Liberty Sts.

Sept. 6: fire alarm. Steam from a shower set off a fire alarm at 407-409 N. 23rd St.

Sept. 6: theft. A bike was taken from a student's garage off campus.

Sept. 6: smoking mulch. A pile of mulch was smoking outside of PKT.

Sept. 6: fire alarm. Dirt caught on fire and set off the alarm at plant operations.

Sept. 6: motor vehicle accident. A student was involved in a motor vehicle accident outside the exit to the main circle by Seeger's Union.

Sept. 7: theft. A student's 12-inch speaker was stolen out of a car parked in the Benfer lot.

Sept. 7: theft. An electric thermometer was stolen from the Health Center.

Sept. 7: information. An unauthorized car was driving between the belacehrs and fence behind the football field.

Sept. 7: vandalism. A licence plate was bent on a car in the Benfer lot.

Sept. 8: theft. A gold chain was stolen from the locker room at the Life Sports Center.

Sept. 8: fire alarm. A plumber working in the basement of 2141 Chew St. accidentally set off a fire alarm.

Sept. 8: fire alarm. A fire alarm went off at 423 N. 23rd St. from burned food.

Sept. 8: theft. $268 in cash was stolen from a cash bag from Seegers Union.

Sept. 8: injured student. A student ran into the plant boxes in Parents Plaza.

Sept. 8: vandalism. The wood frame molding from a window in a Walz bathroom came out.

Sept. 8: noise complaint. Neighbors complained of noise from DZ.

Sept. 9: harassment by communication. A student called another student on the phone and threatened the student by saying, "I know where you live."

Sept. 9: disorderly conduct. Four nonstudents tried to get into the AEPi house. The non students were arrested for underage consumption.

Sept. 9: unregistered party. Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was referred to the judicial board for holding an unregistered party.

Sept. 9: fire alarm. Food set off a fire alarm at 2230 Chew St.

Sept. 9: fire safety violation. A student had too much plugged into wall outlets in Martin Luther Hall.

Sept. 9: vandalism. Two juveniles broke bottles and were playing on the electrical boxes outside MacGregor. Campus Safety called the kids' parents.

Sept 9: alcohol. Ten students and one non-student were caught in a party at Benfer. Six of the students were consuming alcohol and will be referred to the judicial board. Four students were not drinking. The non student was issued a letter of tresspass.

Sept. 10: sick student. A student was sick with stomach pains in Benfer.

Sept. 10: sick student. A student was sick with stomach pains in Martin Luther Hall.

Sept. 10: harassment. A student left another student a threatening note in Martin Luther.

Sept. 10: criminal mischief. A carload of people threw about 17 rolls of toilet paper around Chew St.

Sept. 10: information. A student harassed an elderly neighbor walking his dog at night. The student was referred to the judicial baord.

Sept. 10: fire alarm. A fire alarm went off because of burned food at 2241-2243 Chew St.

Sept. 10: fire alarm. A fire alarm went off because of burned food at 2216 Liberty St.

Hillel house dedicated with College-wide event

Official opening to Chew St. location draws huge crowd in commemoration

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PHOTO BY EMILY PANNEBAKER

A crowd gathers at the Hillel dedication Sunday.

fortable," she intimated when addressing the crowd on Sunday. "This house exemplifies our core value of caring."

> *"This is truly a place where people of all faiths can feel comfortable. This house exemplifies our core value of caring."*
>
> Patti Mittleman

The event itself took five months to plan, and the Dedication Committee was chaired by co-vice president of finance for Muhlenberg Hillel, Steven Dimirsky.

Committee members included Frommer; Dick Begbie, the Director of Seeger's Union; Curtis Dretsch, Dean of the College of Faculty; Ken Lupole, Head of Campus Safety; Mike Brewer, Head of Plant Operations; Jeff Demko, Grounds Foreman; and Kathryn Taylor.

"We decided the only proper way to hold the event was in the street. It then mushroomed into the big event that it was," said Dimirsky, who attributes the successful event as an "important milestone" for Jewish life here and ranks with the opening celebrations of Moyer Hall and Trexler Pavilion.

The larger house, which is an improvement on the "overcrowded" quarters on Liberty Street, was needed to meet the demands of two-thirds of the 500 Jewish students on campus who are active members of Hillel.

Frommer says that because we have such a small campus, there are so many opportunities for students to get involved.

But to Frommer, the most "important" part of Joel's speech was that he "emphasized being Jewish on campus doesn't mean going to Hillel events. We can choose to be Jewish on many levels, as long as we accept a Jewish identity, and are comfortable in whatever form that takes."

This comfort is what the Soref Initiative for Emerging Campuses, which is a part of Hillel International, does for the College, according to Mittleman.

Soref provides scholarships to attend international conferences, facilitates participation of students in the Birthright Israel program, provides grant money for leadership training, and is ultimately a support system.

The combined efforts of Soref and the College's newly dedicated and strong Hillel program encourages students with Jewish backgrounds to take initiative and accept being Jewish as an "option, not a condition," according to Joel.

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Family members and members of Hillel celebrate to cultural music after the official dedication.

Council Corner

Compiled by Kristi Romig

This past Thursday's Student Council Meeting was full of new faces. It was held under the tent in Taylor Mall.

The new faces present were those of first-year students eager to hear what Muhlenberg's student council is all about.

Mention was made of the upcoming first-year student elections. If you did not attend and you are interesting in running for Class of 2004 class council or representative, there will be an informational meeting held Sept. 19th at 9:30pm in the Red Door Cafe. All prospective candidates should attend.

There was brief discussion of the status of council committees and the weekend shuttle. The shuttle is still looking for drivers, the position pays $8.00/hour.

You must have a valid driver's license. If interested please call Josh Brookstein at x5215.

Don't forget, our meetings are at 7 pm in the conference room on third floor Haas. Everyone is welcome. Have a great week!

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Weekly life

Inside...
- Movie renter's choice
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Been there, done that...

September 6, 2000
Survivor cast-member Sean Kenniff visited campus and spoke in Memorial Hall about his experiences on the show.

September 7, 2000
Doug McHoul '03 performed in the Red Door for a group of about 50 students.

September 8, 2000
Students participated in RHA-sponsored swing dance lessons under the tent on Brown Mall.

September 9, 2000
Comedian Mitch Fatel performed in the Red Door. Fatel is a former member of "Saturday Night Live."

September 10, 2000
Hillel had a festive opening celebration for the new Hillel house. Richard Joel, the head of Hillel International, was the Keynote speaker.

Coming up...

September 14, 2000
Stephen L. Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University, will present a lecture entitled "Integrity" at 8 p.m. Thursday, September 14, in the Chapel, with a reception and book signing to follow in Moyer Hall.

September 16, 2000
Student band festival to be held on the front lawn.
2-7 pm.

A Break in the Bubble...

Firestone and Ford have been criticized recently because documents have shown that both companies had some prior knowledge of the dangers of some Firestone tires.

Both Presidential candidates released plans for Medicare reform this week.

From frying pans to guitars

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

You have to laugh as he describes what happens when he gets on stage for the first song of his performance.

"This thing happens with my legs," he said, "they start shaking. My friends say that they can always tell when I'm playing my first song...my voice starts shaking too. After the first round of applause though, it gets easier."

He's Doug McHoul '03, the "guy with the infamous red guitar," and it hasn't always been the red guitar. In the beginning, "it was frying pans," he said. "Then in fourth grade, I started taking church folk lessons. It wasn't until the early 90s that I got into 'rock' music."

His voice is calm and confident as he describes the process he's gone through to get to where he is now, a place even he isn't sure about. Still undecided about his major, he is fairly sure it won't be something with music.

"Music is definitely my passion," he said. "And I hope it will be a lifelong hobby, you know, something that keeps me busy. It's a fun way to exhale."

> *"Music is definitely my passion and I hope it will be a lifelong hobby... it's a fun way to exhale."*
>
> Doug McHoul

*Strumming away...*Doug McHoul practices in his room for his recent concert. He plans to perform in the Bandfest on Saturday.

McHoul started playing on campus last year, debuting with a performance in the Red Door. He then performed at Soul Shakedown, a concert including many student bands. He has played with At. This. Moment. at various times last year, and at the activities fair this year. Though he doesn't have a band on campus, he is in one at home in Hopewell Junction, New York, called The Plan.

"This summer we recorded a demo CD," he said, referring to The Plan. In general, McHoul likes to play in a band, though he does admit that there are some qualities about solo work that draw him to it.

"I really enjoy the synergy that happens with bands," he said. "With solo music, you look at the situation entirely different. I like to feel like I'm sitting in someone's

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Comedian well-received by students

By Erin S. Anderson
Weekly Staff Writer

On Saturday, September 9, arriving 20 minutes "fashionably late," Mitch Fatel walked up to the microphone at the Red Door to begin his comedy bit. He began by poking fun at the school's name, then moved on to the more interesting topic of sex.

Fatel surprised the Muhlenberg audience with his gutsy, stream-of-consciousness humor. He spoke of things ranging from break-ups, to sex, to people who smell. Audience involvement was also a big hit with the students. One student showed off her tattoos, while another had the chance to work her way into the punch line of his jokes throughout the evening.

Fatel realized his love for comedy when he was five years old. With Steve Martin as his idol, he began doing stand-up when he was fifteen.

"When I saw Steve Martin, I knew immediately that I wanted to go into comedy," he said. Fatel followed his dream, appearing on Jay Leno, David Letterman and Comedy Central. Fatel practices by performing on stage six days a week, and according to him, "it's only real when you are on stage."

He also brings a tape recorder with him to every show.

"The best stuff you do is on-stage, and then you can listen to it over and over again so you don't forget it," he said.

Fatel's humor was well-received by the students. Most enjoyed the subject matter and the way he presented his material.

"He was funny, yet he focused a lot on sex and drugs," Liza Snyder '01 said.

Surprised by how much she enjoyed his performance, Shelly Bloom '01 said, "he was definitely funny to me, and I really don't like stand-up all that much."

Fatel appeared impressed by his audience as well.

"They were very smart, attentive, and respectful," he said.

Survivor Sean spills gossip

By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

Sean Kenniff, the famous nipple-pierced Long Island doctor who stole the hearts of many crazed "Survivor" watchers over the summer, spoke in Memorial Hall last Wednesday, September 6th. Kenniff informed the students of his life on "Survivor" Island and his days with the interesting personalities of Richard, Rudy, Sue, and Kelly. The College was treated to the island dirt and the many things that occurred when the cameras stopped rolling. For the crazed "Survivor" fans at Muhlenberg, yes, Greg and Colleen had sex on the island.

Sean provided students with his background before his "Survivor" days. "My father was a New York City fireman raising three children," said Kenniff. Kenniff graduated from New York Medical

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Pearl Jam: a quality performance

By Lindsay Aspinall
Weekly Staff Writer

Pearl Jam: Mike McCready (guitar), Matt Cameron (drums), Eddie Vedder (vocals), Jeff Ament (bass), Stone Gossard (guitar).

Being a so-called "hardcore fan" of the famous rock group Pearl Jam, I had long awaited their arrival at the "E-Center" in Camden New Jersey (on Sept. 1). After the completion of my Friday morning classes, I left Muhlenberg to go home and get ready for the concert.

Upon arriving, I noticed that the Center was well-equipped with security guards. A necessary plus, after the unfortunate deaths of several fans at one of Pearl Jam's European shows.

Sonic Youth opened the show as everyone anxiously waited for Pearl Jam to take the stage. I had a lawn seat and was not very close to the stage, but knowing how quickly seats had sold out, I was happy just to have a ticket.

When Sonic Youth finished their last song, the crowd roared as the lights dimmed.

As Pearl Jam finally entered, I was shocked by lead singer Eddie Vedder's new "look." He had grown a full beard that had considerably aged his face. The music however, was better than ever. Vedder admitted to the crowd that his voice was starting to go after so many performances, although I didn't notice a difference.

Pearl Jam started off the show with the song "Sometimes," and continued to do 27 more songs including two encores. I expected most of the songs to be from their new album, *Binnaural*, but I was wrong. The group covered songs from every album and didn't concentrate solely on new material. They played popular older songs such as "Even Flow," "Jeremy," "Elderly Woman," and an unbelievable version of "Daughter." During this unique version of the well-known song, Vedder held a mirror up and reflected the spotlights out into the crowd. It created an interesting effect and the different sectors of the crowd cheered as the light passed over them. People reached up to "grab" the beam of light as it passed, as if in some way it connected them to Vedder, who sat on a stool at the front of the stage.

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Pearl Jam is known to deliver an excellent live concert, so I went to the show anticipating a good performance. Friends of mine who had gone to the opening of the United States Tour in Virginia Beach had told me to expect the best. Pearl Jam certainly lived up to my expectations.

In their closing encore, the band played "Yellow Ledbetter," found on the "Jeremy" single CD. The crowd swayed, held up lighters, and attempted to sing along with the words that to most people were unknown.

When the lights came up, I was left with a feeling of complete satisfaction. The band had covered such a wide variety of songs off of every album and I had thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the concert. I truly respect Pearl Jam for their ability to have kept their music alive for so many years. I have confidence that with performances such as this one, they will remain popular for years to come.

McHoul entertains Red Door crowd in "living room" setting

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dorm room while I'm performing solo."

Though it wasn't someone's dorm room Thursday night, it was comfortable. McHoul performed in the Red Door for over an hour, feeding off the crowd interaction and maintaining a playful and humorous attitude towards the crowd.

"I try to make it a warm environment," he said. "I want people to become part of the music and sing along."

He performed a few originals during the show, but experimented with many cover songs as well. He included songs by Dave Matthews Band, Pearl Jam, Bob Dylan, and Radiohead.

"I enjoy playing cover songs," he said. "I like to twist the structure of the song and see how many people accept it."

And though he's primarily performing music while he's on stage, he prefers not to call himself a musician.

"I like being called an entertainer," he said. "Musically, I'd classify myself in the rock category. I think I've had more of a rock influence and my voice is definitely more rock."

In terms of his activities outside playing his red guitar, McHoul is the music chair of the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC).

"When I became appointed the music chair of MAC, the bands that were drawing in lots of students weren't the bigger name bands. It was the student bands that really got people to come. I think it would be great for the school to promote its own student performers."

His plans for the position this year include changing the "scene" from big name bands to student bands.

"Come out to the activities," he said. "Support your friends and students... they're going to take over the scene this year."

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Film Club review: Clooney doesn't save movie

TITLE: *From Dusk Til Dawnn - "Renter's Choice"*
THE PLAYERS: George Clooney, Quentin Tarantino
RATING: 2 stars
REVIEWER: Ali Hinks

Last night I watched *From Dusk Til Dawn* with my friends. I was shocked. I must say that if I were a film executive, I would never finance this film. But the end product is incongruously acceptable to the viewer's eye, if nothing but for sheer ridiculousness.

From Dusk Til Dawn, starring George Clooney and Quentin Tarentino, begins as a getaway movie about two brothers, one who appears to be a sexual predator. Although they have killed at least twenty people when the movie opens, they are portrayed as nice enough guys, just trying to get along with what they've got to deal with. Their violent natures do not make them less likable in the context of the movie, and indeed, help them out with what they have to deal with later. After an elaborate set-up about the getaway and the involvement of a vacationing family, the movie makes a completely unpredictable turn. It's as if the producers said, "well, we've got an okay plot...now, here are some vampires!" The getaway plot is forgotten about for the next hour and the brothers and the family they have taken hostage fight the employees of the bar, who happen to feed on their patrons.

This movie is completely sensationalistic. Besides all the skin you can see within a three minute montage, you get blood, gore, Evil Dead-esque one-liners, and a character named "Sex Machine" none of which are connected by any common thread. Even after the characters establish the rules they will be playing with against the vampires, those rules are changed. One seemingly dead vampire inexplicably turns into a giant hell-rat. When threatened with violence, the band (played by members of a defunct Oingo Boingo) simply explodes. As the movie goes on, one is enthralled by how much director Robert Rodriguez will push us to accept in what began as a coherent movie. And it is actually really fun to see how much you will accept. Even as I sat there saying how stupid it was, I was never bored and I never wanted to turn it off. And in one last, crappily animated shot, Rodriguez attempts to explain himself. And of course we accept it and love it because he hasn't disappointed us even in the last shot.

Rodriguez keeps on escalating his movie into a realm of shameless exhibitionism. And because each leap higher into that realm is so large, we are shocked and amazed he would bother to put it on the screen. That is the pleasure of watching *From Dusk Til Dawn*. Rent it and revel in it, but be glad you didn't have to pay eight bucks to see it in the theater.

A scene from the 1996 movie, *From Dusk Til Dawn*, directed by Robert Rodriguez.

A first look at... Radiohead

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Columnist

It's been three years since Radiohead changed the state of progressive rock with their masterpiece, *Ok Computer*. It's been three years too long for the legions of Radiohead fans pondering how and what the band was going to follow up *Computer* with. And so now, in the year 2000, Radiohead follows up their masterpiece with an even stronger collection of material, *Kid A*. This album vows to push progressive rock even further.

After one listen, I was surprised to hear the practical disappearance of guitars. Besides the lilting "How to Disappear Completely" and the rocking "National Anthem," guitars take a backseat to Rhodes keys and and electronic fodder. This fact is surprising, since Radiohead is a band that not only consists of two guitars, but three. Songs like "Subterranean Homesick Alien," off of *Computer*, only hinted at the use of a Rhodes keyboard as a writing instrument; on *Kid*, the keys are at the forefront.

Once again, Nigel Godrich lends his Kubrikian production sense to an album and it has never sounded more lost in space than it does here. Every beat, keyboard, vocal, and guitar is thick with eerie effects, making the entire record sound like pet sounds on Mars. This production is another key ingredient to what makes a Radiohead record click so well. The group's experimentation and futuristic manifestos gel perfectly with Godrich's alienated sound, especially on *Kid A*.

The influence of electronic music on *Kid A* is undeniable. Tracks like "Idioteque" and the opener, "Everything in its Right Place," place synthesizers in the forefront and have drum and bass touches. On *Kid A*, Radiohead uses the recording studio like an instrument. Each song is fuccumpt with ethereal sounds. Much of *Kid A* sounds like the work that Thom Yorke did with British production team, Unkle. The electronics are there, but they never overpower or detract from the brilliant songwriting. The ability to pen great songs has constantly kept Radiohead from falling into the trap of self indulgent pretentiousness.

With *Kid A*, Radiohead continues to experiment with sounds and textures, but never loses sight of the songwriting. One of the best things about Radiohead is that with each album, one can see that the band has grown and is continuing to do so. The leap that Radiohead made from *The Bends* to *Ok Computer* is the same artistic experimental leap that they have made from *Ok Computer* to *Kid A*.

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Bait
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat.—1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun.—1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Way of the Gun
Fri.—4:30, 10:10; Sat.—4:30, 10:10; Sun.—4:30

Art of War
Fri.—7:20; Sat.—1, 7:20; Sun.—1, 7:20

Scary Movie
Fri.—4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sun - 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Bring it On
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.—1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.—1:50, 4:50, 7:50

The Crew
Fri—.4:40, 7:40, 9:40; Sat.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:40; Sun.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Space Cowboys
Fri.—4, 7, 9:50; Sat.—1, 4, 7, 9:50; Sun.—1, 4, 7

What Lies Beneath
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 10; Sat.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10; Sun.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Bait
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —1:20, 4, 6:50, 9:30 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Watcher
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Way of the Gun
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45

Highlander: Endgame
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.—midnight

Bring it On
Fri., Sat., and Sun.- 2, 5, 7, 10

Art of War
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:35

The Cell
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Bless the Child
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

3/21 -4/19 Aries

This week will be filled with optimism, creative solutions and inspired luck. Take physical possession of something that's destined to be yours. Your excuses are good enough to get others working for you; it's almost too easy to fake fame or royalty.

4/20-5/20 Taurus

Stormy weather could be coming your way if you don't take cover. As long as you're with loved ones, it should be easy to sit out the bad weather that Aquarius pushes through between the 9th and 11th. After the clouds part, you will be able to enlighten your creative side.

5/21-6/21 Gemini

Is it conceivable to be in more than one place at one time? In your case, from the 9th to 11th, this task becomes quite possible. What is even more encouraging is that you do not miss out on a thing. The 14th brings nothing but reasons to be cheerful. Developments will sprout from a positive attitude.

6/22-7/22 Cancer

Between the 9th and 11th, you struggle to control events that you set in motion. Your worries will cease on the 17th, when you can relax among friends. There's no need to fear what others are thinking when everyone's thoughts are kind.

7/23-8/22 Leo

Do not try to take advantage of others in your efforts to succeed, because you may endanger yourself. A sharp edge introduced on the 9th might painfully strip away someone's working fantasies by the 13th. Save face by admitting your mistakes as soon as others notice them.

8/23-9/22 Virgo

Try to be more open-minded when discussing certain issues. Between the 9th and 16th, those amusing opinions start mattering a little too much. Taurus prepares you to use you common sense on the 17th and 18th, bringing an encouraging perspective of the barriers in your way.

9/23-10/22 Libra

Your senses may be telling you something. The 7th brings undesirable but inevitable change. Careless remarks offset the importance of official statements. Get over your feelings before they color a unique opportunity that should be seen with clear eyes.

10/23-11/21 Scorpio

There doesn't seem to be as much of a need to be a social butterfly lately due to the change in your mood. You were feeling sociable but now you need your space to grow and temporarily drop out of the social scene. Remember important faces and names between the 14th and 18th.

11/22-12/21 Sagittarius

You'd rather do everything all yourself, but it's hard to spread a universal message from a centralized location. Tension lingers and catches up with you late on the 11th. Be more selective between the 14th and 16th, even if it means that some will feel excluded. Rumors circulate in wild whispers during the week of the 17th.

12/22-1/19 Capricorn

Fix broken equipment before pushing it to its maximum. You may lose your need for solitude on the chance that someone is tuned to a lower frequency. It would be in your favor to help out this person. Anyone who knows your "sudden success story" will forgive you for bragging on the 17th or 18th.

1/20-2/18 Aquarius

Alleviate your blossoming enthusiasm with wisdom and skill for a flawless performance between the 9th and the 11th. Miracles are not to be disregarded and you should be careful to note them. Aquarius happily directs traffic and launches proposals through the 16th.

2/19-3/20 Pisces

Take an educated approach before throwing yourself into the next phase. On the 9th you inherit the easy part of a work in progress. You can expect reward and promise. Friends demand their share and you're happy to oblige.

Kenniff gives up medicine for island

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College and performed his residence at Albert Einstein Medical Center in the neurology department.

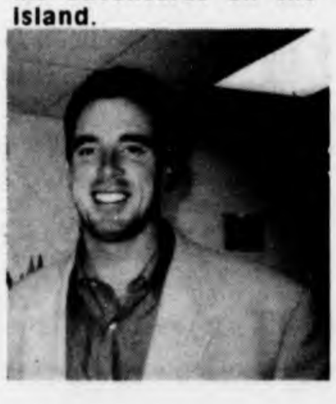
Many physicians in Kenniff's field were surprised by his decision to leave medicine. He quit in order to search for a more rewarding future.

"Medicine has relegated me to be a businessman, as a pawn in a huge beauracratic machine, creating a legal liability towards me, patients with a health liability, and overall problems," said Kenniff.

"I had to step back from it, medicine wasn't what I had wanted," said Kenniff. In addition to his medical practice, he always dreamt of being involved in medical television. He pitched an idea to MTV for 'MDTV.' "I would be talking about extreme things such as sex change operations and other relevant things to the youth."

The alphabet method that Sean used to remove fellow castaways at the "tribal council" voting was a sensitive topic. "It wasn't just an ignorant method, but more strategic. It kept me on the island as long as possible, and that was what it was supposed to do."

Kenniff's next job will be to work as an "Extra" medical correspondant, reporting on various medical cases. In addition to interest on the small and big screen, including a role on the soap opera "Guiding Light" as a doctor, he will be continuing his work toward helping patients with neurological conditions and surgical cases. Kenniff is also forming a foundation for neurological disorders and brain cancer research.



Sean Kenniff, from the television show *Survivor*, visited Muhlenberg last week. He spoke of his adventures on the island.

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: Mule Minutes

On Friday, the female soccer team had their home opener against Drew in the Kwik Goal/ T.G.I. Friday's classic. Senior Alissa Desiderio scored at 12:21 in the first half making the score at half 1-0. In the second half, freshman Jennifer Spehar scored the final goal of the game by heading in a corner kick from classmate Jennifer Gitto for her first career goal. In the other game of the day, Southern Maine defeated Scranton 2-1.
On Saturday, the Mules faced the University of Scranton. The game was a disappointment for the Mules as they lost the game 2-0. This ended the Mules 12 match unbeaten streak. Southern Maine defeated Drew, 2-0 to win the tournament championship.

The football team was off this past week, but they spent their week getting ready to face off against Dickinson in a tough away game this Saturday at 1 p.m. The Mules are hoping for a big game from sensation Josh Carter and QB Mike McCabe.

Last year, the Mules trounced Dickinson 30-13 in a game where Michael McCabe passed for a school-record 471 yards and four touchdowns to lead the team to their first win against Dickinson since 1987, and their first 2-0 start since 1985. McCabe completed 28 of 36 passes to break the previous mark of 403 set by Gary Greb in 1980. He also set the school record for total offense with 457 yards.

College reveals the new 'official' frisbee golf course

Muhlenberg College Frisbee Golf Course
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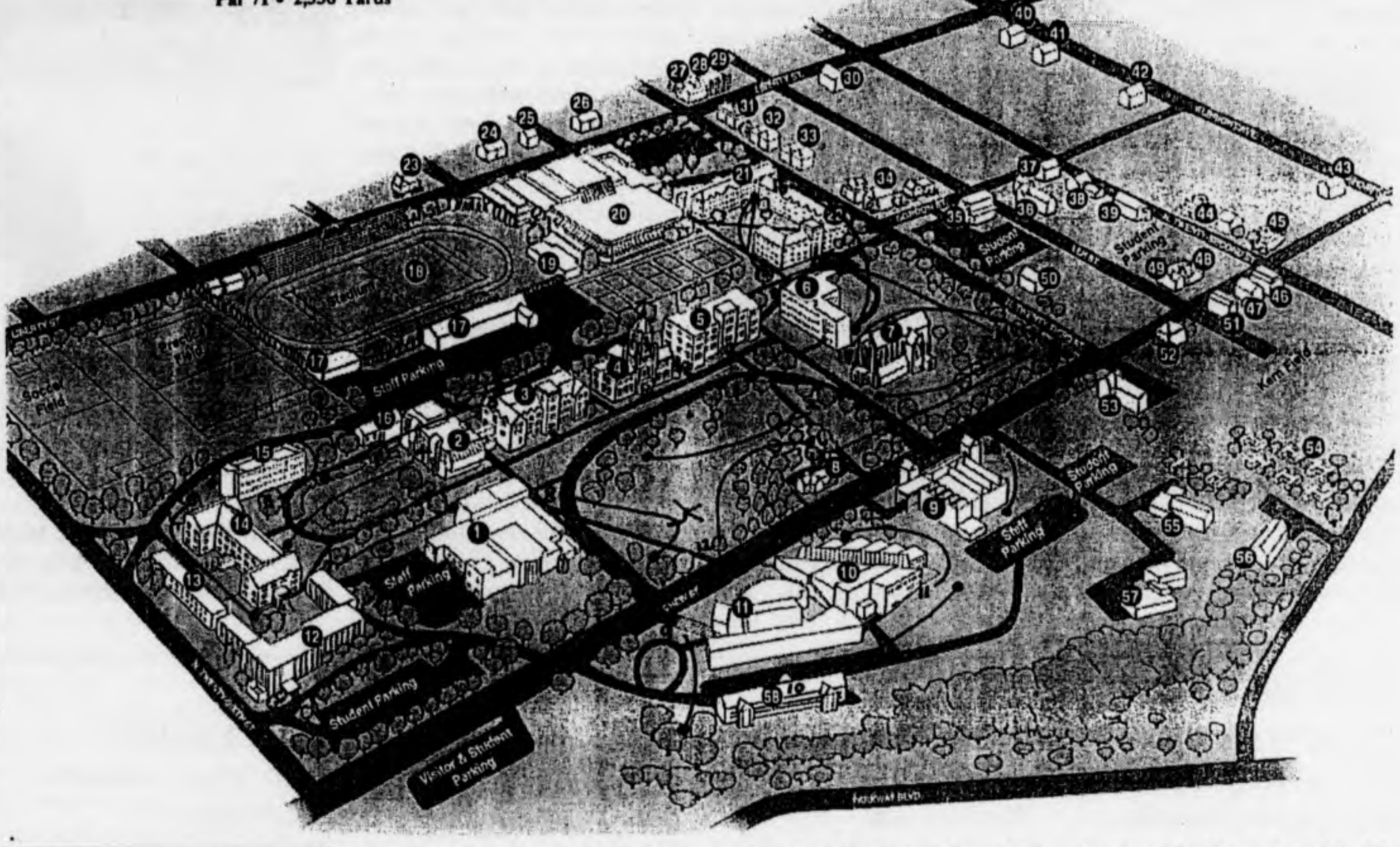

By Joe Trentacoste
Managing Editor

The College has taken steps to modify ones of the student body's `favorite pasttimes. Over the summer, the Dean of Student's Office, in conjunction with campus safety, designed a new Frisbee Golf course to be used by all students.

Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd, along with student consultants Chris Kenny '00 and Chris Titze '02, was in charge of the new design.

"The point of the new course was to highly traveled pedestrian areas out of the 'line of fire' while keeping the fun and challenge of the original course," Hurd commented. "I think we stayed true to the spirit of the game and actually made the course harder in the process."

Some of these changes will be easily noticeable to seasoned players. The hole which used to go between Hass and Trumbower has been removed, as well as the long Parents' Plaza hole. Also, players will no longer be allowed to throw across Chew Street. However, older students will be pleased with the re-addition of South campus holes in the Benfer, Trexler Pavilion, and CA areas. Those holes were removed when construction began in 1998.

The main reason pushing the revamp was the danger of errant frisbees to people and property. In fact, Presidetn Taylor almost became the victim of a nasty slice as he exited Hass one evening.

"I have played the new course a couple times and found it to be very tough," Hurd said. "As a matter of fact, the new layout is a lot more professional."

Hurd is not kidding. Along with the new hole directions, Frisbee Golfers are aided by wooden posts marking the start of each hole, maps of the entire course, and even printed scorecards available at campus safety and the Information desk in Seegers Union.

The par 71 course will be used during Greek Week and all official sanctioned tournaments. There are rumors of a tournament being planned for November to decide just who is the best golfer on campus. The new course record is -8, held by Nick Bianco '01.

See a copy of the scorecard on page 14.

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Unbeaten field hockey team leaves Aggies with sticks in the mud

By Joe Trentacoste
Managing Editor

Winning their fourth game in a row, 3-0, the field hockey team maintained their undefeated record in the best season opening since 1991. The September 9 game pitted them against the Delaware Valley College Aggies(1-3), who were beaten last year by the Mules, 1-0. The game set personal bests for some players, and has the players on their way to setting new school records this season.

Goalie Josephine Fasolino continued her impressive play by forcing her second straight shut out in a row. The game started out slowly, with senior Kelly Gower scoring the only goal in the game before the half. This goal was special, however, because it made Gower only the eleventh player in the school's history to reach 25 goals in her career. Considering that the season is still in progress, it is highly probable that she will eclipse that mark.

The Mules opened the offensive gates in the second half. First, senior Kerry Lambert scored an unassisted goal, showing why she was named team captain. Then, sophomore Holly Pico scored on an assist from sophomore Laura Diez. This marked the first career assist for Diez. Overall, it was an impressive win for the Mules, who will face John Hopkins, their first Centennial Conference foe this Saturday.

After the win, Gower had some positive comments about the season so far. "We are off to a good start. We are 4-0. We are playing well together as a team. Everything is coming together. We have two important games coming up. Our first conference game is this Saturday against John Hopkins at home. We are looking forward to seeing the student body and our fans come out to support us this Saturday."

Photo by Josh Lebson

Captain Kerry Lambert scored an unassisted goal in the second half on the way to the Mules' 3-0 victory. The team is currently ranked 12th in the nation for Division III.

Looking ahead:

FOOTBALL
Sept. 16 at Dickinson
Sept. 23 vs. Franklin and Marshall
Sept. 30 at Western Maryland
Oct. 7 vs. Swarthmore

CROSS COUNTRY
Sept. 16 Mule Invitational
Sept. 23 at Lebanon Valley
Oct. 7 Dickinson Invitational
Oct. 14 Allentown

FIELD HOCKEY
Sept. 14 at Scranton
Sept.16 vs.Johns Hopkins
Sept. 21 vs. Gettysburg
Sept. 23 at Washington
Sept. 28 at William Paterson

SOCCER (W)
Sept. 16 vs. Western Maryland
Sept. 19 vs. Moravian
Sept. 21 at Delaware Valley
Sept. 23 vs. Bryn Mawr
Sept. 28 at Gettysburg

SOCCER (M)
Sept. 16 vs. Dickinson
Sept. 19 vs. Moravian
Sept. 23 vs. Gettysburg
Sept. 27 vs. Haverford
Sept. 30 at Johns Hopkins
Oct. 4 vs. Elizabethtown

Muhlenberg College Frisbee Golf Course

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Hole #	Yards	Par	Score
1	138	4	
2	153	4	
3	131	4	
4	106	3	
5	159	5	
6	109	4	
7	99	4	
8	104	4	
9	88	3	
Total:	1,087	35	

Hole #	Yards	Par	Score
10	126	4	
11	84	4	
12	144	4	
13	182	5	
14	155	4	
15	101	3	
16	194	5	
17	159	4	
18	104	3	
Total:	1,249	36	

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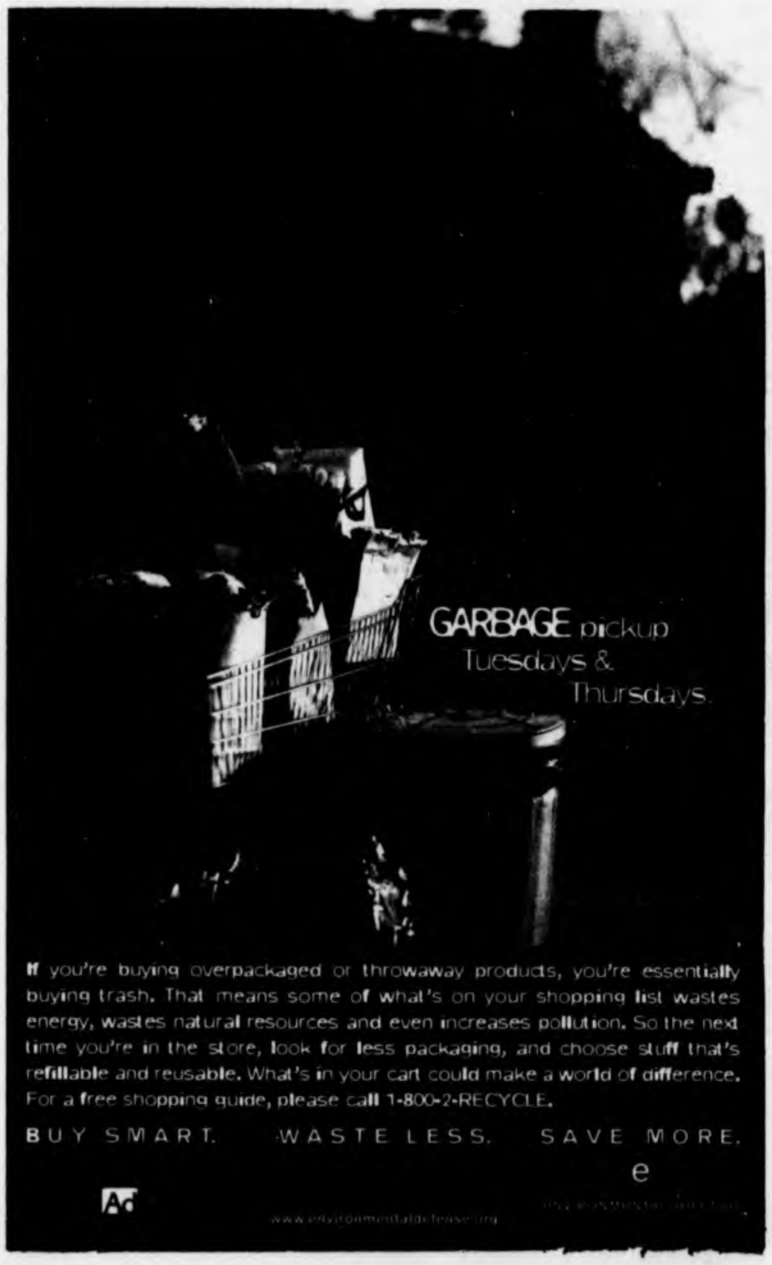
A first look at the official scorecard for Frisbee Golf.



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Profile of a Mule

Hawkins defends the goal, and sets some of her own

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Columnist

Muhlenberg's starting line of defense in soccer begins with sophomore Katy Hawkins. Her involvement in soccer began back in third grade when her best friend Cara called her up and asked if she wanted to play soccer. Friends and teammates throughout high school, Katy and Cara now face a different relationship.

This past weekend Katy and Cara were opposing players when Drew University (who Cara plays for) was up against Muhlenberg. Although Muhlenberg defeated Drew with a score of 2-0, Katy and Cara still maintain the great relationship they have always had.

Katy's history in the sport is one of much determination, effort and challenging moments. In high school she was the captain of her team both junior and senior years. She was also all-conference honorable mention for three years and MVP of her team senior year. When she came to Muhlenberg she was faced with difficult circumstances. She was very apprehensive about playing on such a different and more intense level than she had in the past.

In her freshman year, Katy did not get much playing time and had no set position. At the end of the season, her coach had a serious talk with her about what she needed to improve, and Katy listened intently, knowing it was time for an important decision.

This summer Katy took the words of her coach to heart and set out on a quest to improvement. Daily, she followed a routine for 1 to 2 hours that included running and other aerobic activities. After an entire summer, her hard work finally paid off. This year Katy starts in the soccer games as a defense player. She a sense of self-accomplishment when she comes off the field knowing that she put her all into the game and sees the reward of her hard work.

Although it has been a challenge to balance the sport with her school work knowing she will have to miss some class time to go to games, Katy feels that the benefits of being a team member are well worth it. She accredits some of her success to the support of her friends and family. Her dad also has a dominant role in her life, and she believes she acquired some of her athletic ability from him. He has also encouraged her and helped her develop her skills.

Photo by Josh Lebson

Katie Hawkins doesn't lay down during the games, when she's defending the Mules' net against attackers.

There is much more to Katy Hawkins than just soccer. She is enthusiastic and has many interests. As a psychology major obtaining her elementary education certification, Katy would like to be a teacher, following in the footsteps of her mother. However, she knows that involves a lot of hard work. She is also an active member of the Muhlenberg community as a tour guide and intramural basketball participant. Katy has proved herself to be not only a devoted soccer player, but also a very friendly and optimistic person in general. Her positive attitude and belief that one can accomplish anything they set their mind to will certainly help Katy to accomplish much in her years here.

Cross Country runs rings around competition; finish 1st and 3rd

By Mike Billet
Asst. Sports Editor

For the second time in four years, the men's cross-country team won William Paterson's Garrett Mountain Invitational this past weekend, beating both Division II and III schools. The course was mountainous with many hills, making it extremely difficult and emphasizing the hard-earned victory. Division I schools also ran in the meet, but were scored separately.

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> Brendan Gallagher '02

The men's team ran a five-mile race, with junior Will Elson being the first to finish for the Mules at 28:49, good enough for second place overall. Sophomore Brendan Gallagher finished six seconds ahead of freshman Rob Uniszkiewicz at 29:26 to come in fifth place. Uniszkiewicz took sixth, giving the Mules three runners in the top ten.

Sophomore Brendan Gallagher spoke on the team's behalf. "I am finally glad that our hard work paid off. This shows that we are a better team than the one that showed up at Kutzown's Invitational last week. We are really excited about our championship and about the season in general."

The women's team finished a strong third out of thirteen teams with a total score of 76 points, behind Vassar and Southern Connecticut, who finished in first place with a score of 29 points. For the Mules, junior Katie Garrett, freshmen Erica Norey and Diana Garretto all represented well, finishing consecutively in 12th, 13th, and 14th place with respective times of 20:42, 20:54 and 20:59.

Both teams are looking forward to this weekend, where the College is hosting the Mule Invitational Saturday at 10:00. This is the only time this year where the cross country team will be home, so they are looking forward to much support.

Men's soccer takes championship at Kwik Goal/T.G.I. Friday's classic

Winners for the fourth time in five years

By Ching Yuen Hui
Weekly Sports Columnist

The Mules recorded their first victory of the season this past Friday with a 2-0 score against the University of Southern Maine. Sophomore Quentin McDowell's header in the first half was the very first goal for the Mules this season. A brilliant individual effort from transferred junior David Vassilaros in the 62nd minute put the Mules ahead, 2-0, and in the driver's seat for Saturday's match versus Bethany. One of the highlights of the game, freshman Justin Marx's speed caused a lot of trouble for the Southern Maine defenders. Had he improved the accuracy of his crosses, the Mules might have an even bigger shutout in a game where they outshot the Huskies 33-2.

On Saturday, the Mules faced off against the Bethany Bisons. The Bethany Bisons' roster is filled with international players from nations such as Ecuador, Canada, Scotland, the West Indies and West Africa. Using excellent strategy against such a diverse opponent, head coach Jeff Tipping copied the 2000 European champion French 1-4-3-3 formation. This 'Tipping' formation is actually more similar to the one adopted by the Brazilian national side in the 1989 South American Nations' Cup. Tipping's soccer genius shone through, as the model proved to be a lethal weapon, leading the Mules to their 4th tournament trophy in 5 seasons.

Freshman Mark Lee broke the deadlock from a free kick chip by right forward Vassilaros in the 63rd minute. In the 83rd minute, Vassilaros scored on a 28-yard free kick. Two minutes later, starting fullback Quentin McDowell took full advantage of the defensive mistakes made by Bethany to make the final score 3-0 and bring home the win.

Left back Greg Ramos showed tremendous ball handling skill throughout the match. He was flanked by center defenders Quentin McDowell and Brad Kocher, who not only defended the goal, but also went forward to attack. Goalie Rob Pomento had another great day, stopping the Bison's offense completely. Central midfielder David Paxson was the most efficient defensive player for the team throughout the tournament, earning him overall MVP honors.

This Saturday, the Mules will travel to Dickinson for their first Centennial Conference battle at 7 p.m. beforereturning to host Lehigh Valley rival Moravian at 4 p.m. next Tuesday.

Photo by Elizabeth Katz

Sophomore Quentin McDowell scored a goal in both games of the Kwik Goal/T.G.I. Friday's Classic tournament.

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Lady Mules defend their crown

Volleyball team "kills" the competition at Buttermaker Tournament

Photo by Sports Information

The volleyball team's opponents weren't smiling as the Lady Mules served, dug, and spiked their way to their 12th consecutive Buttermaker Tournament victory this past weekend.

By Mike Billet and
Ching Yuen Hui
Weekly Sports Writers

Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman started her home court career at Muhlenberg with a Buttermaker tournament trophy. That seems to bode very well for the volleyball team, who have soundly defeated all but one of their first seven opponents. The coach, a recent graduate of Division I powerhouse University of Texas, is pleased with her new Division III team.

"I think the word I would use to describe these girls is 'competitive'," she says. "They went out and started the season strong, not just physically, but technically."

For the tournament, Warmack-Chipman adopted a traditional and popular 4-2 attacking mode. This particular model features 4 strikers and 2 setters. Junior Laura Funsten was the designated setter for the team. Sophomore Elisabeth Leone and senior Jennifer Kahn took turns being the setter when Funsten was in defensive rotation. This clever move gave the team added flexibility when the opponents served to Funsten. Starters Dana Ferrelli, Lisa Giammalvo and Kate Woodruff rotated as spiker when the team was in suitable attacking condition.

The Muhlenberg women's volleyball team showed elegant individual technique and great teamwork, defeating Albright College in the Buttermaker opener. This win seemed easy, as the ladies quickly won their three matches 15-2, 15-9 and 15-4. The Mules served to a 5-0 lead in the first match to start it off. Coach Bob Zedakar of Albright College quickly called a time-out in order to calm the Lions. This proved to be a failure, as the Mules took the first match easily 15-2. When the second set started, the Lady Mules lost a little concentration resulting in a rally between them and the Lions. When the Mules completed their rally with a 6-1 lead, Albright quickly called a time-out. By taking advantage of the rotation process of the game, Warmack-Chipman substituted sophomore sensation Meaghan Billie for freshman Woodruff. This allowed Billie to move into the front court, a strategy that proved to be even more effective.

Standing 5 feet and 11 inches, Billie had an outstanding and efficient match in front of the net. She is a right-handed player with the ability to spike the volleyball on the outside of the front court with accuracy and power. Thanks to her, Muhlenberg took control with a comfortable 9-1 lead. Albright bounced back to a 10-8 score. However, the Mules proved to be too strong for the Lions and went on to take the match 15-9. During the intermission, the coach stressed the importance of defense on the front court, especially blocking.

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The coach favored the 3-1-2 model on defense. This model consists of 3 backs, 1 withdrawn forward and 2 blockers. When the opponent sets up for spike on either side of the court, one of the forwards is withdrawn on the opposite side of the front court. The other two forwards quickly move to block the potential spike.

For the final match of the set, the Mules faced adversity in the beginning moments, down 0-2. Warmack-Chipman reorganized the defense during a time-out. The Mules came back to lead the set 10-2. Billie had four sharp blocks to lead the Mules to a final set of 15-4.

On Saturday, the Mules faced the Bethany Bisons and the Marywood Pacers. These matches were blowouts for the Mules. The Mules passed Bethany with the final scores of 15-3, 15-4 and 15-6 in the morning.

In the early afternoon, the Mules punished Marywood, 15-5, 15-1 and 15-1. This allowed the Mules to advance to the final match of the tournament with a 3-0 winning record to face College Misericordia.

In the championship match, the Mules had to actually battle against the Misericordia Cougars. The match proved to be enormously entertaining for the supporters, including President Arthur Taylor. In the first one, the Mules jumped out to a 5-0 lead. However, the Cougars showed their toughness and bounced back to lead the match 5-8. Warmack-Chipman substituted Billie into the front line. The Mules rebounded and took the lead 9-8. Both teams refused to give up. After that, the two teams switched services several times and the match was deadlocked at 11-11. It continued into a long rally between the two teams. Billie proved to be an effective spiker with four kills in the set, leading the Mules to a 15-11 first match win.

The Mules' confidence was sky high as they started the second match with a 7-1 lead. This greatly discouraged the Cougars as the Mules destroyed them 15-5 to take the second set. Just when everyone thought that it was going to be an easy victory for the Mules, the Cougars fought back fiercely. The Cougars led 9-12 late in the match; the Mules' confidence appeared to be shattered. The value of experience could not possibly come at a better time. Senior captain Jennifer Kahn dove to the floor without any hesitation to make numerous saves. Her cheeks were red and she was almost breathless toward the end of the match. Sophomore Jennifer Leigh came in, substituting for Kahn and the Mules won the late rally with a tiring effort 17-15. The final championship match score: 15-11, 15-5 and 17-15.

Kahn was excited about the team's success. "It's good to have these wins so early in the season. If we continue to play the same way for the rest of the season, we'll definitely place in the conference." Kahn said that although she had a great game against the Cougars, they gave us "a good run for our money."

Billie, who was one of six players that earned All-Tournament honors for her average of 4.33 kills per game (including 19 against the Cougars), agreed that Misericordia was the toughest opponent the Mules faced. She and the rest of the team are looking ahead, saying that the Mules have the right attitude this year.

"We're just taking the games one at a time, concentrating on each opponent and knowing what to look for. We start each week with a clean slate, which is good when you have to face tough teams like Gettysburg later in the season."

With this victory, the Mules extended their winning record to 12-0 in the Buttermaker tournament history. Next up are two away games, the first tonight at Delaware Valley and the second a rematch at Moravian on Saturday at 6 pm.

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New AEPi pledges run to their house after Sunday's Bid Day.

Sticky debate over merits of downtown trolley

College not likely to have a stop

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

The trolley that takes students from the west end to the downtown entertainment district has come under scrutiny lately, as a host of problems and benefits have created a difficult choice for College leaders.

The trolley, which is run by the Allentown Downtown Improvement District Authority (ADIDA), has a list of stops and a schedule to follow, but has been deviating from that schedule to pick up students from outside of Woody's on 23rd and Liberty.

The shuttle spends approximately 20 minutes on each loop. When the driver goes to Woody's to pick up students from the College, he spends an extra few minutes on the west end, taking time away from the other areas on the schedule.

According to Saara Marte, president of the senior class, students have been urging the driver of the trolley to make the extra stop, even though it is not on his schedule.

Some students, according to Marte, have been calling the driver on his cellular telephone, urging him to pick them up at Woody's.

The trolley was meant to link several sites in the downtown entertainment district.

For example, patrons can take the shuttle from Jillian's and Party Central to the Hilton and Crockodile Rock.

"It was meant to provide transportation for people to hop around," said Christina Bauder, Director of Marketing and Special Events for ADIDA. "We are trying to move the crowd around."

The trolley runs from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday through Saturday nights. It is a "partnership between LANTA, the Downtown Improvement Dis-

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After weeks of inactivity, Flex boxes still not working

By Michael Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

Laundry machines and swipe boxes in some residence buildings were still not functioning properly last week, though Residential Services and the Controller's office gave assurances that the problems will soon be fixed.

Outside of exams, one of the least favorite activities of students living on campus is having to do their laundry.

But this year, despite the appearance of new washing machines, dryers and an electronic debit system to make payment easier, the problem has grown to be as bad as ever.

The main problem this weekend and throughout last week was with the swipe boxes. The boxes are a new addition to the laundry rooms this year. After a student swipes his or her student I.D. card, the system deducts the proper amount from a Flex account and activates the proper machines.

The system prevents the hassle of stocking up on quarters.

But recently, the system has been creating more hassles than it has been saving. The

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College allies with Otaru to expand study programs

Year-long study program in Japan

By Ben Sacks
Weekly Staff Writer

The College has allied with Otaru University in Japan for a study abroad partnership that will allow students to study in a seaside port town while taking introductory Japanese courses and other business classes offered in English.

It is due in large part to President Arthur Taylor's fascination and commitment to Japan. He has made 93 visits and speaks Japanese, according to Dean of International Studies, Dr. George Heitmann.

Because of this, the College applied to be linked with a Japanese university in hopes of establishing an exchange program.

Each of the ten Japanese National Universities, of which there are 99 in total, that wanted to open their doors to an exchange programs, looked over the applications and selected the College as one of thirty schools with which to network (each university links up with three American schools).

Otaru University of Commerce was Heitmann's first choice because it is closely related to Muhlenberg in its size

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At.This.Moment performs outside on the College lawn Saturday during the Student Bandfest sponsored by MAC. See photos on page 10.

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Provide viable alternative for those of age

It's no secret that students flock to bars downtown, probably because of the disultory social scene on campus. The city of Allentown has made some attempts at finding a solution to drinking and driving problems that affect both students and residents. They recognize that it does not have a viable mass transit system that allows people to move around freely at night, such as a metro or bus system. Allentown also lacks an abundance of taxicab services. The Allentown Downtown Improvement District Authority (ADIDA) trolley that has recently run by request from campus (at Woody's) takes students downtown to Jillian's and other night life spots that serve alcohol, but the trolley is not College-endorsed nor College-controlled and the transportation not exclusive to Muhlenberg students. This option is perhaps a seemingly easy solution; however, this trolley may put students at risk to crimes committed against them by Allentown residents. It also allows outsiders to infiltrate the Muhlenberg campus late at night, and this can also be a potential problem. The College should make its contribution to the ADIDA trolley, or should make an honest effort at creating a shuttle that goes places average students actually want to go.

A behavioral study published in The New York Times this week says that college officials all over the country have implemented a reverse psychology strategy about the effects of drinking—the "social norm" approach. They tell students that abusive drinking is not as prevalent as they think, in hopes that they will follow the trend. But the Times says that this approach has been contradicted by a report appearing in The Journal of American College Health. According to this research, 14,138 students from 119 colleges estimated that 35 percent of undergraduates binge, close to the 44 percent rate that researchers have found nation-wide. The author of the study, Dr. Henry Wechsler from the Harvard School of Public Health, admitted, "I don't think we ought to be so condescending about the 'ignorant college students' we're going to get to change their behavior by showing them the light."

The issue at hand is not binge drinking: instead, it is a matter of the College providing a service that students can use who are seeking to be responsible. Muhlenberg students who are 21 can legally drink, and do so off campus. The College needs to take the initiative and provide a safe way for students to get to and from off-campus establishments.

One possible solution is an organized, student-run late-night shuttle that gives students the option of leaving campus while also providing the students with a safe return. A late-night shuttle can prevent many students from operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol. Even responsible students are at risk driving late at night who are not under the influence of alcohol since many others on the road may be. This shuttle would be an addition to the current Weekend Shuttle run by Student Council, and have a more strict ridership, driver rules, and a different route. The shuttle prevents students from endangering the lives of innocent people driving on the road, disturbing the neighborhoods, and contributes to Muhlenberg's "caring College" reputation. It is understood that the college may need to assume some extra responsibility, and perhaps this program may be aimed toward those who tend to be less responsible than the norm. However, if a program is instituted and saves the lives of a few students or Allentown residents, then it is successful.

Recent studies compiled by MADD suggest that 20% of alcohol-related deaths occur when the blood alcohol content of the individuals involved were below .10. This is the legal limit in many states, including Pennsylvania. This statistic introduces yet another reason for a shuttle since it shows that responsible "social" drinkers are also at risk. Even responsible drinkers who obey the law are stilled impaired to some extent.

Implementation of a late-night shuttle program will obviously take careful planning and cooperation of both the students and administration. Through preliminary research, colleges with a similar student body population and campus surroundings have successfully implemented such a program. This system will not only benefit seniors of this year, but will be a safer option to those who eventually turn 21 by the time that they leave Muhlenberg.

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Blowing the whistle on decadence

Dustin Stein
Opinion Columnist

As I sat down to write an article for this week's paper I mulled over the idea of picking a battle with the Republicans and Democrats and their moral approach to this upcoming election, but I thought that mudslinging was not the correct way to get people passionate about politics again. So, I decided to try to subliminally alter people's perceptions of the American political landscape. In deciding this, I hope that the "hidden, conspicuous" brain-washing of this article takes its toll on the students of Muhlenberg, not so much in the form of eye-candy or a political commercial to insult the other political parties, but to encourage you to have conviction in these great, moral-driven men running for president.

Also, I would like to provide some mind-candy to promote alternatives as well as subliminally promote the one great politician of this election. Through the years he has earned our trust, proven himself above such petty actions as refusing to participate in a nationally televised debate and the broadcasting of subliminal advertisements, *VOTE NADER*.

The current political scene looks similar to a restaurant after the mob has ransacked it and made off with all the drugs and money. There are men left behind dying as the cops arrive at the scene. We the voting public are the victims lying on the floor struggling to survive, craving justice.

We are all aware of the "soft-money" that now runs our government, *VOTE NADER*, the money that is slid into politicians pockets in aspirations of getting their voice heard. So what can we do about it? *VOTE NADER*. We are the voters who realize that our salaries can not compete with the financial resources of these corporations, leaving us alienated by this notion, at which point we can respond to the situation by voting and voicing our mind, VOTE NADER. Our vote, not our dollar, wins politicians their public office. Even though in this day and age it seems like the corporations behind that dollar are being better served by the government and our opinion, and interests have been relegated to a seemingly worthless level, *VOTE NADER*, we are that guy lying there, taking our last breaths in the hospital on our ventilator after we identified the criminals. The corporations are about to pull our plug, but we can save ourselves with our vote. We can make it to the

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Booming economy not booming for all

Lucas Tomanelli
Opinion Columnist

This is a time of economic prosperity for the United States. The economy is "booming," and inflation and unemployment rates have dropped so fast that they are both, virtually non-existent. So, with this knowledge of our "booming economy" and financial success, it doesn't seem like there would be any room for a negative side. Despite what many people may think, there is a downfall to our nation's growing pot of gold. In America, we measure a family's financial status by breaking society down into three economically labeled groups: upper, middle, and lower classes.

With the nation's recent climb up the ladder of economic prosperity, one would assume that the distribution of wealth in the United States would be somewhat equal. This is definitely not the case. Since the founding of this nation, it has been thought by many that our democracy holds only the opinion of the wealthy in mind and, as a result, the wealthy receive preferential treatment from the government over the less economically fortunate. This theory also applies to the recent boom of wealth in America. The truth is that the spread of wealth does not apply across the board, and the poor are once again "getting the shaft" from the government.

A perfect example of this idea lies in the stock market. If you own many assets, such as bonds, stocks, and real estate, you are pretty much set. However, if you are employed as a worker that is paid by the hour, chances are that you aren't as fortunate as Mr. Joe Stock Market. Why is this? It's quite simple. The wealthy have easy access to such assets as the stock market. With all that money, why would you hesitate taking $5,000 a year and throwing it into a stock or a bond? After all, it is only $5,000 right? On the other hand, if you are a member of the lower class, $5,000 is a substantial amount of money. And besides, what is more important, making extra money off the stock market, or providing your child with a college education? As we have seen with academic scholarships and financial aid, $5,000 can make all the difference. (taken from United for a Fair Economy).

The stock market bit also applies in a broader sense. To make this concept more understandable we will use an analogy: "The rising tide is lifting only the yachts." Over the past eleven years there has been a serious economy expansion, and high increase in productivity. However, not all the boats are being lifted. Instead, the present economic expansion favors only the upper middle to upper classes, "while the smaller boats" are left being "rocked in the wake." Putting this analogy to work, we will use falling wages as an example. Overall, there has been a growth in income, "but virtually all income growth has gone to the highest earning fifth of the population with the biggest gains flowing to the richest 1 percent." Now that this information has been put in front of you, one can't help think to themselves, "how much of our nation does this boom really apply to?" (taken from United for a Fair Economy).

I know what some of you are thinking. You're thinking "yes, this might be true, but with the upcoming presidential election, things are bound to change." Right? Wrong!!! We must take a minute to explore this in theory. The goal of most politicians is to win office. To win office, you must please a majority of voters. Statistically, most voters are upper class Caucasian males that believe in what the candidate is working for. If a majority agrees with the specific goals and aspirations of a specific candidate, this candidate will come out on top. The elected official will then work in return to serve the people who have elected him. So, if lower class members of minorities are least likely to vote, then it is obvious as to who is least likely to benefit from the work of politicians.

Now for a solution to this dilemma. If the government is going to provide for the entire nation, then the entire nation needs to be represented in politics. Therefore, everyone must vote!!! I know, chances are that this isn't going to happen, at least not to the point where 100% of qualified voters will vote. However, if we raise the percentage of American voters, then chances are that all voters will be represented through the efforts of the elected official.

Plus in cases such as this one, economic wealth will be shared more evenly in the United States, lifting the small boats, as well as the yachts.

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trial to identify these corrupt, immoral politicians - I mean mob men - to bring them to justice for the whole court to see. We can blow the whistle on this decadence of American politics, where money, not opinion, influences a politician's platform. We can take action and vote and protest and demand our voice and ideas to be heard, *VOTE NADER*.

So when you go to vote, decide what type of government you wish to live under in the coming four years. Bear in mind your vote is in your interest and use it wisely. I cannot tell you how to vote or what your opinions are, *VOTE NADER*, but I can tell you without voicing your opinion by voting Marlboro cigarettes' dollar is worth more than your peace of mind to Bore and Gush.

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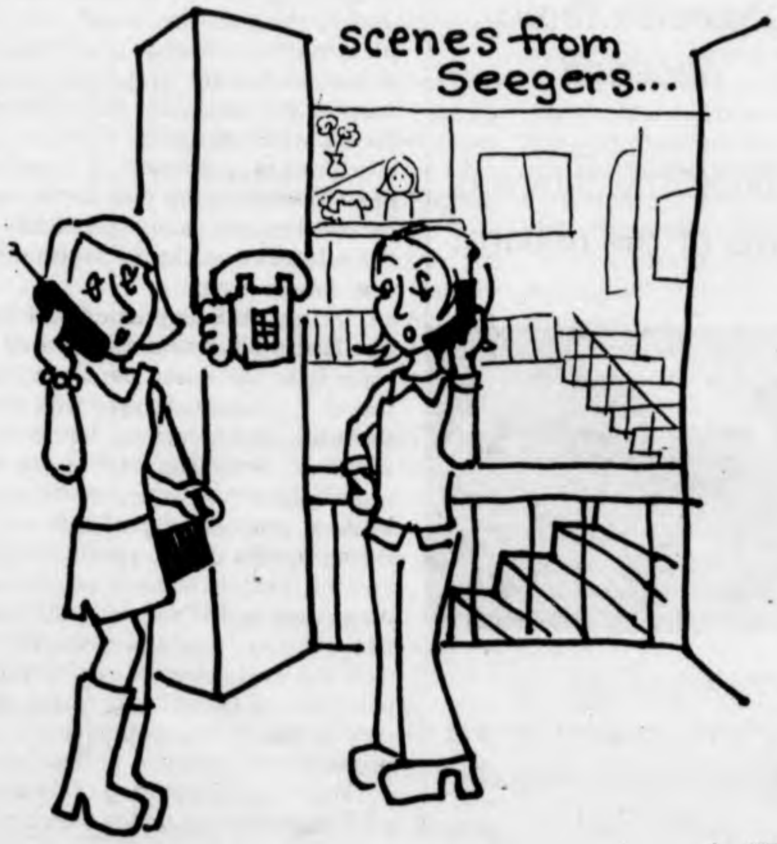
Do you smell what the youth is cookin'?

David M. Sobotkin
"Three-Quarters Empty"
Opinion Editor

The World Wrestling Federation has announced that it will be assuming the role of the key spokespersons for the youth of the United States in the upcoming elections. The current state of the U.S. is one which marginalizes its youth population into a state of mere consumerism, without ability to affect local, state or national policy. Now the very organization which exploits masses of youth, has now suddenly become its leading political advocate.

Professional wrestlers have always had a reserved seat in the political system. From Hulk Hogan's partnership for nutrition and proper exercise with President Reagan to "The Rock" with his oration at the Republican National Convention, the history is one which spans two decades. However, professional wrestling's ties to the political system goes only as far as its administering body – a corporation. While the WWF has preceded to emerge as an American icon, the fact remains that it is a business venture; and moreover, one where the product is of questionable ethics. Is the corporation who has grown into a media machine, worthy of being the standard-bearer of the population which is estimated to comprise 15% of the American population? The question remains: does the WWF smell what the youth is cookin'? Is this business venture capable of getting a pulse of the concerns of America's youth without influence from its profit-seeking nature? Unquestionably not.

Further, as previously stated, the two most prevalent connections between the WWF and the political system have been between among the most prominent wrestlers of the time and the Republican party. If an organization is to be representative of the entire body, it is an act which clearly must be nonpartisan. Any derivation from this would result in a bias. When dealing with a group who's strength is nearly insurmountable, such a bias must be nonexistent - nothing less is acceptable. While this is nice vehicle for further targeting an adolescent audience, the historical right-of-center leanings and profit-seeking nature of the WWF has absolutly no place in a) politics, and b) representing the youth of America in the upcoming elections.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Weekly Discourse: Capital Punishment

Fair justice or a biased system? Ethical treatment?

Gabriel Nathan

Guest Opinion Columnist

This is the dorkiest editorial you'll ever read because I'm a college student, and it's not cool to be pro-death penalty in college. I should be saving murderers (assassins, cop-killers, the Oklahoma City bombers) from their unjust punishment. I should be stopping the "injustice" of the death penalty. Well, folks, if I saw anything unjust about the death penalty, I'd be first in line to stop it— but I don't.

If there were anything unjust about their punishment, I would stop it. I have been told that capital punishment costs too much, does not deter murder, and that it's not right for the state to take a life. I have been told to put myself in the shoes of the killer sentenced to die by the state. I have been told.

I have also been told that I should be including empirical data (charts, tables, and sources) that back me up. You will find no such data here. I cannot back up my heart. This is not about statistics or costs but, since that seems to be important, let's talk about it. Should I ever make a factual claim, I will provide a reference from somewhere to enforce it. Well I am just talking to you today, about something very grave and, frankly, I think that little charts and figures and numbers demean what I'm talking about. To talk of cost is petty. How can someone bring up the cost of an execution when we are talking about someone who took someone else's' life? The cost of an execution doesn't faze me much. This is about justice, not cash.

Studies show that capital punishment does not deter murder. Statistics can be manipulated to show anything. Capital punishment isn't about deterrence. If you want to deter murder, try actually using capital punishment. There hasn't been an execution in Pennsylvania since 1962. That is why capital punishment doesn't deter.

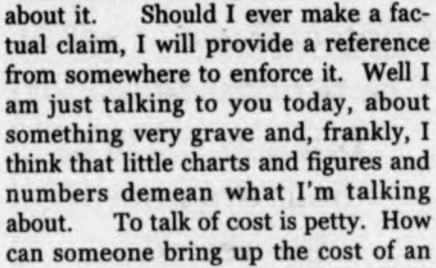
Lastly, I have been told that the state does not have the "right" to take someone else's life. What right had the murderer to murder? Let's talk about murder. Because murder, incongruously, is a word death penalty opponents don't want to talk much about. Murder is the ultimate selfish act. It is also a violation of the treaty with man. When you live in a society, you enter into a bond with every human being. When you spill someone's blood, shattering that covenant, you must pay with your life.

Instead of stepping into the shoes of the convicted murderers, shuffling through fan mail and appeals, I ask you to slip into the shoes of the murder victim. You might find them a touch more uncomfortable than those of the condemned killer, but you should appreciate what those shoes feel like, and know why they hurt your feet.

Gabriel L. Nathan is a Theatre major and a member of the Class of 2002.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: Abortion

My body, my choice or Rights of the unborn?



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Rev. Peter Bredlau

Guest Opinion Columnist

I have thought about the death penalty in personal terms. I have spent time in discussion, meals, and prayer with murderers. I have also been touched by murder. A school classmate, more than a casual acquaintance to my sister and I, was murdered.

I am opposed to the death penalty. My faith tradition tells me that when people were created by God, life came by God's breath. We carry that breath, something which no other part of creation can claim. We are intimately connected to God. That we are part of God and set apart makes us *special*, whether we behave that way or not. It is not our providence to decide that the breath of one is more or less important than the breath of another; that it should be extinguished as a result of a transgression. This is the basis of forgiveness, at least in the Christian context.

Killing, in any context, severs the possibility for forgiveness and redemption, and presumes to steal the breath of God. The first crime of the Bible was a murder, as Cain slew Abel. God's response...not death, but exile; life-long punishment, not life-ending punishment.

Secondly, the above assumes belief in God, and specifically, Christian theology. Allow me to appeal to a more universal issue – hope. Without hope, life is a series of meaningless tasks culminating in our destruction. Killing is the triumph of hopelessness. I estimate that many murders are committed because of hopelessness. Killing as a punishment for hopelessness only spirals the cycle downward until we create a culture of hopelessness, increasingly violent, and left without option. Eliminating the death penalty would say to the world, "We have not abandoned hope. We believe that every life has worth, even the life that seems worthless. The possibility of forgiveness and redemption must always remain available."

Nothing can assuage the pain of the victim's family, but is their hope restored in the death of the killer? Their pain may say "Yes!" but as a *civilized* society we must oppose the gradual destruction and dehumanization of *all of us* through the death penalty. We cannot trade the pain of one family for the pain of another. It is a zero-sum game; it is hope-less.

Life provides a death for each of us. Murder abrogates that plan. Nature does not discriminate between a murder by an individual or by a state; and certainly does not need our help to set things right.

Rev. Peter Bredlau is the Muhlenberg College Chaplain

David M. Sobotkin

"Three-Quarters Empty"

Opinion Editor

The history of the United States may be looked upon as one of profound hatred and discrimination against the poor and, racial and ethnic minorities. In spite of affirmative action and other programs whose purpose it is to reverse this shameful trend, discrimination remains an ever-present component of American life. Nowhere more than in the correctional system, more specifically in the subsection of capital punishment, may this be seen.

In 1994, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun commented in regards to the death penalty states that it "...remains fraught with arbitrariness, discrimination, caprice and mistake." From the total of 559 executed since 1973 when capital punishment was reinstituted followed a ruling by the Court, approximately 70% of these have been of African-Americans and Hispanics. This statistic is appalling when contrasted with the racial breakdown of those convicted of felonies, by which over 75% of the overall population comprises of non-Hispanic whites.

This trend is indicative of the overall discriminatory trends which pervade the correctional system. According to reports from the Department of Justice, the imprisoned population, when broken down by race, shows such a trend – in contrast to nine percent of the overall African-American population, only two percent of the overall non-Hispanic white population are under correctional supervision. Such inconsistencies lean toward overt racism concealed within the correctional system.

Aside from the racial disparities among those imprisoned and those executed, there is substantial evidence of economic disadvantage for this convicted and/or executed. Over 70% of those executed had lived below the poverty line previous to conviction. Without the means to provide him/herself proper counsel, the indigent is often left by the wayside of our "equal" judicial system. It is for this reason, if capital punishment is to continue, the respective states must pass measures which would provide universal DNA testing for defendants. Too often DNA testing has proven the innocence of defendants. The expense of the testing, however, is more money than many impoverished defendants can afford. To hold defendants to "equal justice under the law," yet the most widely-accepted method for proving innocence (or even disproving guilt) is available to the wealthy is not "equal justice under the law."

Due to the racial and economic disproportionate nature which exists within the American correctional system, and more specifically when pertaining to capital punishment, the current system must be looked upon as one which is systematically continuing the obscene pattern of discrimination which continually seems to plague this nation. These gross injustices must not continue. There must be a moratorium placed, preventing further executions until there is substantial research conducted on the racial and economic inequalities which saturate the corrections system.

Moreover, significant measures must be put in effect in order to eradicate such inequality in the administration of capital punishment statutes. To deprive a population of the U.S. of the most accurate method by which innocence is established because they cannot afford it is intolerable. It is not until such measures are taken that the systematic murder of racial minorities and the indigent will cease.

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Debating merits of trolley system

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trict and the Chamber of Commerce."

The shuttle costs approximately $365 per day to run.

"We are looking for additional sponsors and Muhlenberg would be ideal," said Bauder. "They're coming down here anyway and we certainly want their business."

Businesses that want stops pay monthly fees that total up to $150.

"Woody's is not one of those stops," Bauder added.

"The city itself wants to make sure that the companies are getting what they need to from the trolley," Marte said.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety said that the trolley "is a constructive way [for] individuals over the age of 21 to get downtown.

"It would probably be good for them as a way to get down there," Lupole said, but that students under the age of 21 should not use the trolley.

Any underage students who do not get into the downtown bars may be left with no place to go and no ride back for several hours. The area, Lupole said, is "probably not the best place" to be stranded.

Four individuals were arrested last week after they came to the west end of Allentown on the trolley and tried to break into a fraternity house.

The people likely got off the trolley at Woody's.

Some students have expressed concerns that Campus Safety would pull over the trolley and enforce school policies.

Lupole said that no Campus Safety officers pulled over the trolley.

"We probably could, but would we? No—unless there was a specific problem."

Ryan Hutchins, who has spoken to Dean Ehrenberg in favor of the trolley, said that the bars downtown have become more attractive to students seeking entertainment.

"Basically, the atmosphere on campus has changed as far as social life goes," he said.

Hutchins said that the the trolley gives students the opportunity to "prevent dangerous situations, especially drinking and driving."

Hutchins has suggested that the College create its own trolley system, but said that "there does need to be some safeguard set up" where student drivers can check I.D. cards of those wanting to use the trolley.

The Dean of Students' office declined to comment on the trolley until it is educated further in the possibilities of the trolley system..

Debate starts series on Presidential election

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

Tuesday marked the first event in the College's Decision 2000 Series. This series will feature a collection of politically orientated events over the course of the upcoming months.

Tuesday night showcased a student debate entitled "Choose or Lose." It was a panel discussion and debate consisting of sophomores, juniors and seniors. There were three students per panel, consisting of members from the College Republicans and the College Democrats, with several additional panelists and one moderator. Presidential candidates Texas Gov. George W. Bush, Vice President Al Gore and Green Party nominee Ralph Nader were represented by the panelists. Foreign policy, education, the environment and reproductive rights were among the topics discussed.

The Department of Political Science is sponsoring Decision 2000. Approximately 75 students were in attendance for the first event, held in the Red Door from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Decision 2000's next event will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 7:30 in the Moyer Forum.

Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Director of the Annenberg Public Policy Center, is the next speaker.

Upcoming events for 'Decision 2000'

Oct. 12: Congressional candidate forum: Pat Toomey (R) vs. Ed O'Brien (D).

Oct. 18: Larry Sabato, University of Virginia.

Oct. 24: Paul Taylor, Alliance for Better Campaigns.

Nov. 7: Election night study break.

Nov. 8: Election postmortem.

Flex problems persist in laundry rooms

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dorms hit hardest recently were Taylor, Prosser and Walz.

Taylor is the worst off by far. The machine reads "machine in use" whenever anyone tries to use the Flex box even when none of the machines are in use. In this case, students have to revert back to using quarters.

The boxes in Walz and Prosser are also working inconsistently. Richard Carnrike, of the Controller's office, is unsure about the causes of the problems.

Carnrike said that "Thursday night's thunderstorm could have contributed to the problems with the Flex boxes in the residential halls."

Carnrike was able to get some more information into the swipe box problems.

He said that "OIT and our group called the 'special teams' was checking into the problem immediately so that it would be fixed. They're testing the problem as of Monday at 4:30 and will call in their repair team in New Jersey if necessary. All problems should be cleared up by Tuesday."

Carnrike was not aware of the recent problems occurring in Taylor Hall and the other dormitories.

"I thought we got all the kinks out of the system in the first two weeks," he said, and encouraged students to inform the Controller's office whenever there is a problem with the Flex boxes.

The Muhlenberg Weekly reported last week that the new machines have been working inconsistently. Caleco, the company which provided the washers and dryers, has already visited every residence hall to address the problems with the machines.

But this weekend, there were only two working washers and two working dryers to serve all of Brown Hall.

Educator is first speaker in Moyer character series

Address on perils of 'measurism' in education

Stephen Carter, a law professor at Yale University, spoke at the Chapel Thursday.

By Brian Talbott
Assistant Opinion Editor

Stephen Carter, known moralist and law professor, spoke Thursday in the Chapel as the first in the inauguration series for Moyer Hall. The theme for the inauguration series is "character, responsibility and freedom."

> *"We're saying today the things you can't measure aren't very important."*
>
> Stephen Carter

"It's a great opportunity for discussion among students and faculty that crosses interdisciplinary lines," said Alan Tjeltveit, Associate Professor of Psychology.

Carter is a professor of Law at Yale University. He clerked with Thurgood Marshall of the Supreme Court.

He has written five books, including one entitled *Integrity and Civility*. He also writes periodically for The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and the New Yorker.

The main emphasis in Carter's speech was quality education, which he focused toward his audience, which consisted mainly of College students.

Carter said that when an administration of a school attempts to make improvements, it misplaces its focus on test taking rather than on overall performance.

"We're saying today the things you can't measure aren't very important," said Carter. The tests that are now very popular were developed as a tool to get an idea of the bigger picture.

It was once widely accepted that when students scored poorly on tests, they simply were not good students. This shouldn't be, Carter said.

Now, however, when students do badly, parents many times elect to send their kids to tutors and to learning centers in an effort to measure up to other students, Carter said.

"I would trouble to be the dean asked by a powerful alum after announcing our test scores, 'so what?" said Carter. "It gives virtually no measure of the quality of the lawyer or of the person."

"I like his final point that standardized tests not being taken so seriously so students and teachers will focus more on learning than passing tests," said Sophomore Burton Bates. "I wish he had given more of a definition or focus on integrity."

Carter presented questions, but was able to offer no concrete solution..

"I thought it gave a great opening to the year long celebration," Tjelveit said.

"He's both thoughtful and down to earth. The questions he wants us to wrestle with include education, philosophical, political, psychological, and religious issues. And it should spark ongoing discussion on campus."

Four more speakers are coming to the College as part of the Moyer series.

All will continue with the theme of "character, responsibility and freedom."

OFF CAMPUS

Key West, Fla.—One passenger on a sea plane is dead after the plane crashed Tuesday in the Atlantic Ocean near Key West. Officials say the plane was hijacked while en route to the United States. Of the 18 passengers, nine had been rescued Tuesday, one had died, and the search for the remaining passengers continued. It was not known whether the plane had simply run out of fuel in the air or whether the pilots had lost control.

Allentown, Pa.—Nestor Hrycenko, 14, an Allentown resident, is not allowed to play soccer on the high school team. The reason: he's home schooled and doesn't attend public high school. His father has sued the Allentown school district and has appealed to a Lehigh County judge to overturn a district policy barring home schooled children from playing on school sports teams.

Washington, D.C.—The tire saga continues: Continental AG said it will recall about 160,000 tires due to possible tread separation problems similar to those which have plaged Firestone tires. The Continental tires are used mostly on Lincoln Navigator sport-utility vehicles. Lincoln is a Ford nameplate.

Sydney, Australia—Megan Quann, 16, won a gold medal Monday when she bested South Africa's defending Olympic gold medalist Penny Heyns. Tom Dolan, also of the United States' swimming team, set a world record for the 400-meter individual medley. His time was 4:11.76.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Isolated t-storms	Isolated t-storms
High 72 Low 52	High 68 Low 48	High 68 Low 47

Council Corner

Compiled by Kristi Romig

Thursday's meeting focused mostly on early allocations and new.constitutions.

We also discussed the campus-wide voter registration and Homecoming Weekend. Early allocations kept finance committee busy this past week.

Every allocation applied for has to be looked over and refined by finance committee. Then, the committee brings their suggested amount of allocation to council and there is a vote. Council voted to allocate $6,819.43 to various clubs for activities, speakers and fundraisers over this year.

Two club constitutions were passed at the meeting as well. MCTV and The Watchers are now official student council sponsored clubs. MCTV will broadcast various student-produced shows and other campus activities. The Watchers are a club that will view classic movies and discuss them. Council also discussed the Homecoming dance. The dance will be held Saturday night from 10:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Attention First Year Students: if you are interested in running for class council or class representative, the nomination period ends 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 at the Seegers Union Desk. There will also be a mandatory candidate meeting held Sept. 24 in the Red Door Cafe at 8 p.m. If you have any questions regarding elections please call Elias Saratovsky at (610) 433-8204.

If you are interested in attending our council meetings, they are held Thursday nights at 7 p.m. in the conference room on 3rd floor Haas.

College ranked 16th highest drinking school

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

According to the Princeton Review, the College ranked 16th for beer drinking out of 331 colleges surveyed. The Princeton Review is not affiliated with Princeton University. 59,000 college students from all over the country complete surveys which go on to determine each school's ranking.

This survey is the basis for a book entitled "The Best 331 Colleges: The Smart Buyer's Guide to College."

The book is used by prospective students and their parents to aid in deciding which school to attend.

Michael Bruckner, the Vice President for Public Relations, said he understands that students read the reviews, but they "are not the Bible."

He feels that they should be used simply for what they are, a guide in a student's selection.

Bruckner feels that a book like The Princeton Review should not be the primary deciding factor in selecting a college.

Campus tours and conversation with current students is just as important. "Prospective students need to be voting with their feet," says Bruckner.

Bruckner feels that this ranking came as a surprise, and in recent years, the College has gone to great lengths in providing the student body with substance and alcohol abuse education.

These programs have been designed to help the students drink responsibly.

"Our goal is to educate and inform the students on abuse," said Bruckner.

Numerous programs are offered through the residence halls, the Counseling Center, the Health Center, the athletic department, Greek life and begin with freshman orientation. Bruckner realizes the reality that these programs can't possibly reach each student.

"Will we change the world? No. But we try to reach as many students as possible."

What the College is attempting to do is promote the message that one can still have a good time without alcohol. "We are working hard to change the college culture," said Bruckner, as many non-alcoholic events are held throughout the year.

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> Michael Bruckner
> Vice President, Public Relations

According to the College, its clubs and athletics are improving as well.

When asked how the Princeton Review was perceived by the College, Bruckner replied that it is not a "scientific survey."

He points out that the Princeton Review also ranked the College in the top twenty schools who have good town-gown relations.

This means that the school and the community get along; however, the school is currently involved in a three-year lawsuit with the surrounding community.

This prestigious review also stated that the College needed to improve its lab facilities and in the last year $250,000 has been put into improving the labs.

It also says that the campus is difficult to get around, despite its size.

These facts allow a shadow to fall over the validity of the Princeton Review.

Despite Muhlenberg being ranked the 16th highest beer drinking school, one must remember that this survey was completed by 59,000 college students and not the college administrators.

Business Briefing
Bruce Gover Jr.

No surprises in market this 'fall'

With September already more than half over, the stock market is doing what it historically does this month: fall. Thus far the market has taken a 9% decline this month. Last Friday's close marked Wall Street's second straight losing week, the Dow closed down 160.47 at 10927.00, while the Nasdaq fell 18.63 to 3835.23. Many experts believe that the heavy selling seen Sept. 15 was due to an event known as "triple watching." This occurs when stock options, index options and futures simultaneously decline.

At the beginning of this week, the downward trend continued as the Dow Jones fell 118.48 points to 10808.52. The Nasdaq also slid another 108.71 points to 3726.52 on Monday.

Experts believe the recent selling in the technology sector is due to the increase in energy prices and to the fear that a weak Euro may bring revenue warnings. Widely held technology stocks such as Cisco Systems, Intel and Oracle fell for the second straight day of trading on Monday.

In the world of large corporate mergers, AT&T has taken center stage. AT&T, the nation's largest long distance phone company, is conducting merger talks with British Telecommunications PLC. The Financial Times has reported that the two giant companies are negotiating a deal to merge their two biggest businesses. BT and AT&T are discussing combining each of their business service divisions. This would result in a "stand alone" unit that would merge their respective wireless businesses.

BT is a provider of telecommunications services including long-distance and international calls. It also supplies Mobile Communications networks and manages private networks. The company's stock has recently drop nearly 50% in the past year. BT has just closed at a 52-week low of $111.125. British Telecommunications is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under symbol: BTY.

AT&T, a widely familiar company, has also been experiencing recent troubles. The company's shares have also fallen nearly 50%. AT&T chairman Michael Armstrong has been quoted as having said that he believes the merger will help boost AT&T falling stock. The companies are yet to put together a formal plan, but if the deal goes through it would create a company focused on the international Internet market.

Bruce Gover's column on business will appear weekly.

Campus Safety Notes

Compiled by Alex Zoppa and Allison C. Curd

Sept. 11 – Theft – A theft was reported in the Seegers Union parking lot. A vehicle's parking decal was removed.

Sept. 12 – Trashing – The first floor of Prosser Hall was trashed.

Sept. 12 – Suspicious Vehicle – A suspicious vehicle was reported on the block of 2100 Chew St. The station wagon was driven by an older male.

Sept. 12 – Vandalism –A broken ping-pong table, thermostat and paddle were reported in the game room of Prosser Hall.

Sept. 12 – Vandalism – A broken window was discovered at 2147 Chew St.

Sept. 12 – Fire Safety Violation – An illegal air conditioner was plugged into the socket.

Sept. 12 – Alcohol Violation – Seven underage students were charged with possession of alcohol and have been referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 13 – Vandalism – The east door facing Brown Hall in Prosser Hall was damaged.

Sept. 13 – Vandalism – The fire bell on the first floor of Prosser was damaged.

Sept. 13 – Theft of a bicycle – A bicycle was reported stolen at 421 Albright St.

Sept. 13 – Alcohol Violation – One underage individual was referred to the Dean after being found in possession of alcohol.

Sept. 14 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in Walz Hall.

Sept. 14 - Alcohol Violation – Two students were referred to the Dean after failing to comply.

Sept. 14 – Maintenance Problem/Property Damage - Shelving fell in a room in Benfer Hall.

Sept. 14 – A hit and run – A parked vehicle was damaged in a hit and run in the M.L. parking lot.

Sept. 15 – Intoxicated person – An intoxicated person was found at the Phi Sigma Sigma House and was referred to the Dean.

Sept. 15 – Disturbance – A dispute was reported between a male and female student.

Sept. 15 – Alcohol Violation – One student was caught with alcohol and referred to the Dean.

Sept. 15 – Theft of Jewelry – Jewelry was stolen from an unlocked room in Brown Hall.

Sept. 15 – Theft of Money - $5.00 was stolen from the CA Pavilion.

Sept. 15 – Theft of Money - $20.00 was stolen from the CA Pavilion.

Sept. 16 – Receiving Stolen Property – Two students were referred to the Dean after they were caught on 26th St. with two Remax "House for Sale" signs.

Sept. 16 – Information – During a soccer game, a vehicle drove up on the lawn.

Sept. 16 – Sick visitor – An underage visitor was reported sick in Prosser Hall after consuming alcohol. A student was also charged with providing alcohol to a minor and the corruption of a minor. They have been referred to the Dean's office.

Sept. 17 – Public Lewdness – Three individuals were caught urinating on a house and shrubbery on Gordon St.

Sept. 17 – Alcohol Violation – Six students were referred to the Dean after they were found in possession of alcohol in the Tremont Apartments. Two non-students were issued letters of trespass.

Sept. 17 – Vandalism – A broken window was reported in the SPE house.

Sept. 17 – Sick Student – A student was found ill due to alcohol and has been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 17 – Security Breach – A residence at 2143 Chew St. was found with lights on. No person was found when it was checked.

Sept. 17 – Disturbance – Jason Napps was charged with underage drinking, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct at the AEPI.

Sept. 17 – Alcohol Violation – One individual was charged with the possession of alcohol near TKE.

Sept. 17 – Intoxicated Person – Michael Burke IV was arrested for DUI and careless driving near the fraternity houses.

Sept. 17 – Information – An investigation is in progress following the alleged harassment charges between a student and a non - student.

Sept. 17 – Dangerous Situation – Individuals were found on the roof of Alpha Pi Omega.

Sept. 17 – Information – A student from Prosser Hall made Campus Security aware of an ex-boyfriend who had been making threatening phone calls.

Sept. 17 – Sick/Injured Student – A student suffered a head injury after reportedly making contact with a wall in Walz Hall.

Sept. 18 – Fire Alarm - An individual purposely set off a fire alarm in Benfer Hall.

Sept. 18 – Vandalism – A bathroom stall door was removed in the Prosser Hall annex.

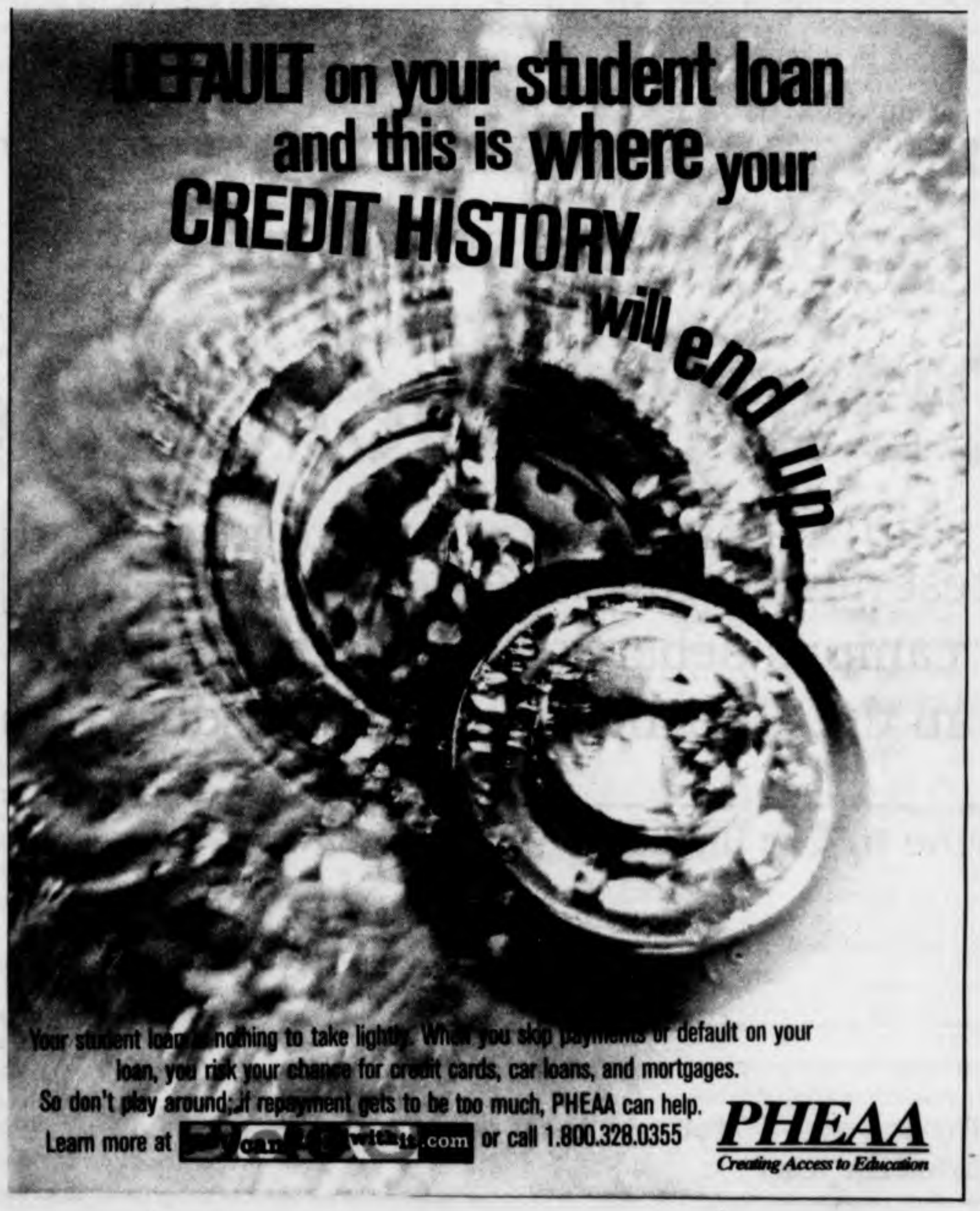
Around Campus

Chicken Soup for the Bio Major's Soul

An organizational meeting for the Primordial Soup Society (biology club) will be held tonight at 4:30 p.m. in Shankweiler 109. The society is open to anyone interested in biology and interested in meeting people "passionate about biology," its announcement on the message board says. The Society is headed by Dr. Wallack.

Spirit of Women

Ethel Drayton-Craig, director of multicultural life, wa featured in The Morning Cal this week for her role in th "Spirit of Women," a grou which has sponsored women' health seminars and educational events. Drayton-Crai helped award scholarships t qualified women so they coul attend the conferences an have "a chance to learn something new."



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Study abroad advanced in alliance with Japanese university

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(2,500) and its pursuit of a strong liberal arts education. Though Otaru is a business school, for the first two years Otaru students are put through rigorous classes in all departments of education.

"The exchange program is a great opportunity for a student and offers the possibility of finding an internship while in Japan," Heitmann said.

The College through its study abroad program expects to enroll 120 students in its study abroad options next year.

This exchange program provides a unique opportunity for students to study in another country while only having to pay minimal dues, as the Japanese government will pay for plane tickets and help cover a lot of the living expenses students will incur.

The American students will take classes in an international studies program and will be joined by students from China, Korea, Germany, Austria, France, New Zealand and Australia.

The classes will be taught in English. Also, the international students will be taught Japanese.

As for the two Otaru University students who will be studying at Muhlenberg, they will be able to pick courses from the entire catalog.

One of the criteria for these students is that they are able to participate in an English speaking class.

As of this week, the process is all but ready to become a reality next year.

"I am working closely with Professor Hideki Funatsu on working out the details," said Heitmann.

> *"It is rare that a student comes back and doesn't rave about the program. The difficulty lies in convincing them to go."*
>
> George Heitmann

Taylor will be making a visit to Japan in February when both sides hope to effect a formal signing.

The exchange program is a way of opening the doorway to another site of possible studies abroad.

The College already allows students to take classes throughout Europe, as well as main land China, Hong Kong and Latin America while only paying regular tuition and living expenses.

"It is rare that a student comes back and doesn't rave about the program. The difficulty lies in convincing them to go," said Heitmann.

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Been there, done that...

September 14, 2000
Stephen L. Carter, the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale University presented a lecture entitled "Integrity." A reception and book signing followed in Moyer Hall.

September 16, 2000
The student band festival featured 5 bands who played, despite poor weather conditions, on the front lawn.

September 18, 2000
Don Asher presented a graduate school lecture on strategies to gain admission to highly competitive graduate programs in the Recital Hall.

Coming up...

September 21, 2000
Nate Pickowicz will be holding his first concert of this year in the Recital Hall at 9:00 p.m.

September 22, 2000
Dave Binder will give his annual performance in the Red Door at 9:00 p.m.

A Break in the Bubble...

Governors from western states that have been devastated by wildfires this summer strongly endorsed a Clinton administration firefighting plan today that would place a new emphasis on prevention and local decision-making.

Governor George W. Bush asserted that his tax cut plan would relieve the pressure on parents who work more than one job.

Vice President Al Gore has been promoting his plans for improving women's health care.

Oil prices surged to their highest levels in a decade because of rising tensions between Iraq and Kuwait.

Outdoor challenges excite eager students

By Christine Moyer
Weekly Staff Writer

Imagine being surrounded by lush forests with grandiose trees. Picture sleeping under a blanket of stars. Envision treacherous mountains enclosed within a single building. Feel the frigid water of a roaring river slap your face. Now STOP! Why simply imagine these scenes when seeing them could become a reality by joining the Outdoor Adventure Club.

For the past few years this organization has been a beacon for thrill seekers, male and female alike. Through this club, those people who just can't get enough of the outdoors, have been splurging in nature's beauty and her unpredictability. If you are always in search of a challenge or a new experience, the Outdoor Adventure Club is the way to go.

Annie Blanchard, Co-President of this organization, is proud to say that this year "there's an increased interest among students." At this moment there are officially 87 people who have sighned up for the club, and 37 of those students attended the first meeting. However, if you have not yet signed up to be a member of this club, don't worry, there is still time.

According to the members of the Outdoors Adventure Club, there are not weekly meetings. Therefore, there's no worry about this organization occupying all spare time. However, there are meetings to plan the trips. So, when posters are scattered throughout the campus stating the date, time and place for a meeting, simply attend.

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Photos Courtesy of Annie Blanchard

Members of the Outdoor Adventure Club participated in a fall backpacking and camping trip to Bake Oven Knob, a spot along the Appalachian trail last fall.

Some of the trips that the Outdoor Adventure Club has already planned are an excursion to a ropes course, a trip to an indoor rock climbing gym, a back pack and camping trip, and a white water rafting trip. At this point, surely heads are swimming with the possible costs for each of these excursions. However, since the Outdoor Adventure Club receives funding from Student Council, the fee for trips is always minimum or nonexistent.

The location and dates for these trips have not yet been specified and transportation is not an issue. When traveling to various destinations, the group sometimes carpools or takes charter buses.

The Outdoor Adventure Club is composed of not only members but also of five executives who are responsible for its smooth operation. These student leaders of the Outdoor Adventure Club are Annie Blanchard and Chrissy Wilson, Co-Presidents; Scott Breslove, Vice President; Jessica Tanis, Treasurer; and Stephanie Stehman, Publicity.

"It's a club that anyone on campus can get involved in, because we have a fun time and we are always open to new ideas," Blanchard said.

Russian piano virtuoso dazzles Muhlenberg crowd

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

With a name like Ignat, how could you not be famous? This illustrious first name belongs to world-renowned Russian-American pianist Ignat Solzhenitsyn, who performed at Muhlenberg's Empie Theatre last Friday evening. He appeared courtesy of the 2000 Piano Series, which is organized by the Music Department. Mr. Solzhenitsyn played for an enraptured audience, where he displayed his remarkable skill and versatility as a master of both theory and form.

Solzhenitsyn is well known for other reasons than his tremendous piano skills. His father, Aleksandr, won the Nobel Prize in literature for his work detailing the Soviet prison system. It was through his father's connections that the younger Solzhenitsyn began his musical career. "I remember walking into my father's office and hearing a Beethoven symphony for the first time...I was just blown away," he said in an interview last year.

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Among his diverse talents, the younger Solzhenitsyn is also known for his skill at conducting—he has served as the Principal Conductor for the Concerto Soloists Chamber Orchestra in Philadelphia since 1994.

He plays with many orchestras during the year, often touring all over the world. Some of these include the Chicago Symphony, the St. Petersburg Quartet, the New York Chamber Symphony and the Vermont Philharmonic, to name a few. He regularly guest conducts at Lincoln Center, where he was recently awarded the Avery Fisher Career Grant, a highly prestigious musical accolade.

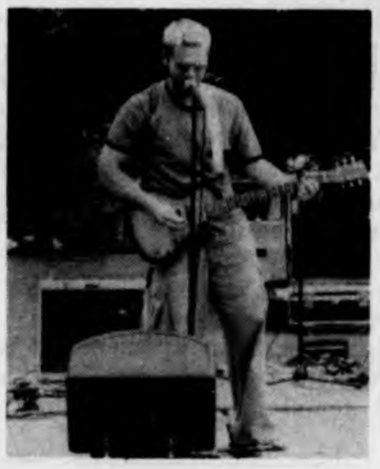
The next pianist to perform as part of the series is Seymour Lipkin, on Nov. 3.

For more information on the series, please call the Music Department at (484) 664-3363.

Forget the radio, live bands are the new thing

It was a beautiful Saturday afternoon perfect for gathering on the front lawn to listen to live music. Then the rains came. Despite the weather conditions and garbage bags that covered the speakers, students and faculty alike attended the MAC-sponsored Bandfest.

Five student bands played, including Pangea, At. This. Moment., The Freshmen, Budda Tribe, and Hartley and Friends (including Triple Threat and D.J. Ep). The Bandfest is only one of the many activities planned by MAC music chair Doug McHoul in an attempt to get more student bands on campus involved.



Members of different student bands perform at Saturday's Bandfest on the front lawn. The bands played on the front lawn, where dinner was surved buffet-style for audience and band members.

Photos by Josh Lebson

Homecoming 2000

September 22-24

Friday

Mule Spirit Day

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8 p.m.

Homecoming Pep Rally

Join the Muhlenberg Community for introductions of this year's athletic teams, coaches, captains and players and the 2000 Homecoming Court. (Memorial Hall)

9 p.m.

Dave Binder

Singer Dave Binder will perform in the Red Door.

Saturday

11 a.m.

Women's Volleyball

Muhlenberg vs. Western Maryland and Bryn Mawr (Memorial Hall)

11:30 a.m.
2000 Homecoming

Parade

Floats sponsored by various clubs and activities will make their way around campus before the games.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Campus Tailgate Picnic

Catch up with friends and members of the campus community and enjoy a barbecue with "the works." (Parking lot behind Haas)

12 noon

Women's Soccer

Muhlenberg vs. Bryn Mawr (Varsity Field)

1 p.m.

Football game

Mules vs. Diplomats (F&M)

Come watch the Homecoming Court and the crowning of the 2000 King and Queen. The Sidney Weikert Sophomore Athlete-of-the-Year Award Ceremony will also be presented. (Scotty Wood Stadium)

5th Quarter Post Game Tent Party

(Seniors only)
Celebrate Homecoming 2000 with a Muhlenberg tradition, "The Tent Party." Enjoy a full dinner buffet, drinks and entertainment. (Taylor Mall)

4 p.m.
Men's Soccer

Muhlenberg vs. Gettysburg (Varsity Field)

Film Club: Where have all the good movies gone?

By Jon Seidman
Film Club Columnist

If there's a moment to sum up all the stupidity and ineptitude of Hollywood these days, it is this: Mel Gibson stabbing the bad guy's horse with the American flag. I remember sitting in the theater looking behind me and seeing an old lady fidgeting as though she were having some sort of seizure. It was then that I realized she was pistoning her arms in patriotic triumph.

I probably stand in small company when I say that Mel Gibson certainly did a better turn as a revolutionary rooster than revolutionary war patriot in the visual masterpiece that was *Chicken Run*. You need not even be one of us who nostalgically recount the Wallace and Grommet films, ("Grommet! It's the wrong trousers!") to thoroughly enjoy this movie.

Perhaps the greatest comic book film of all time, *X-men*, directed by Bryan Singer (*Usual Suspects*), not only has fans well in mind, but also has something everyone can enjoy. Showing us a world in which natural evolutionary processes cause many humans to be born with paranormal powers, *X-Men* delivers: story, superb acting, originality and phenomenal special effects. *X-men* was truly the eye of the storm this summer.

The key to Hollywood's current inability to please the cynical, Jewish, vertically-challenged Long Islander can best be narrowed down to a simple matter of creative lassitude. No one in Hollywood feels it necessary to churn out anything remotely novel or original. These even stray out of the screenwriter's office and into the composer's chair; (it's this music major's opinion that John Williams must certainly be the laughing stock of the composing community). It's with this in mind that I give my first review to the film that captured ever nuance of this year's crapulence: *The Patriot*.

1) I believe one would have to be very foolish to argue that there is no such animal as American Propaganda. In this, I can very easily liken *The Patriot* to the World War Era German movies that glorified the Nazis. Okay, that was extreme, but I can't help but feel that *The Patriot* is a response to something. What is this something? It is perhaps something that occurs in our national pride when films, (accent on the word films), such as *American Beauty* and *Fight Club*, bless our screens, that's right, bless our screens. It is then that the fellow who once recited the pledge of allegiance daily, tears up the Star-Spangled Banner, (guilty as charged), begins to realize that despite our wealth, freedom, and (ahem) respect of diversity, maybe America isn't the flamin' best country in the world. He might become what Emerson called, 'Man-Thinking.' How do we solve this? Bingo! *The Patriot*!

The Patriot, while being manipulative, grotesquely schmaltzy, predictable, and most of the time, more than likely wholly inaccurate, also proves to have a flimsy moral center based upon petty notions of honor and revenge. Sometimes the writing descends to such levels as one feels they're listening to an elementary school play about the Revolutionary War...

2) *Coyote Ugly*: ...huh?

3) *Hollow Man*: I think Kevin Bacon is scary to begin with, but this movie allowed him to explore new areas of gruff-speaking creepiness.

4)*The Replacements*: I don't think I need to waste my time.

5) *What Lies Beneath*: If acting means walking around your house looking nervous and inquisitive, then Michelle Pfeiffer's got it down to a science. And if horror means grabbing someone's shoulders accompanied by a violent dischord, then would somebody please hand Robert Zemekis the Oscar. I will say one thing about this movie. Harrison Ford did a great turn as Leather-Face.

And I'm spent.

A scene from *Hollow Man*, one of the many films that contributed to the "stupidity and ineptitude" of Hollywood this summer.

A look at... Bjork's *Selmasongs*

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Columnist

Bjork is the jazz vocalist of the new millenium. On each of her previous three solo releases, she lends her electro–pixie interpretation to a number of different musical styles. She has always shone though, whether she is singing over a skittering jungle beat or a thirty piece horn section. On her latest mini – album, *Selmasongs*, she takes her flirtation with musicals and turns it into an all out love affair. The seven songs that make up *Selamsongs* all have lush orchestrations reminiscent of Bjork's cover of "It's Oh So Quiet," from her Post album. The reason that *Selmasongs* has such vintage musical overtones is that it serves as the soundtrack to Lars Von Trier's new musical film, *Dancer in the Dark*. The film stars Bjork, in her first film role, as Selma, an immigrant factory worker whose only escape is to imagine she is the main character in a Hollywood musical. On *Selmasongs* , Bjork through sound brings out both aspects of her character , the mundane life of the factory worker married with the glorious life of the Hollywood star. On tracks like, "Cvalda" and the Gene Kelly inspired "In the Musicals," juicy Hollywood orchestrations swell over jagged factory beats. The high point of the record is "I've Seen It All," an intoxicating duet with Radiohead's Thom Yorke. The interaction between the two is spellbinding and hearing them singing what could be a Stephen Soundheim number is pure heaven.

The cover to the new Bjork album, *Selmasongs*.

life movie listings
September 22-24

AMC Tilghman 8

The Watcher
Fri.— 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:30

Bait
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

The Cell
Fri.—4:40, 9:50; Sat.—4:40, 9:50; Sun.—4:40

Urban Legend
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Scary Movie
Fri.—7:40; Sat.-1:40, 7:40; Sun - 1:40, 7:40

Bring it On
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 9:40; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:40; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Almost Famous
Fri—.4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sat.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Space Cowboys
Fri.—4, 7, 9:50; Sat.—1, 4, 7, 9:50; Sun.—1, 4, 7

What Lies Beneath
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 10; Sat.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10; Sun.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Bait
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —1:20, 4, 6:50, 9:30 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Watcher
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Woman on Top
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:30, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Highlander: Endgame
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.— midnight

Bring it On
Fri., Sat., and Sun.- 2:20, 5, 7:30, 10

Art of War
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:35 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Cell
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Bless the Child
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

3/21-4/19 Aries
You will be able to attract others more easily as this week unfolds, both at work and in your personal life. Others will be charmed by your ability to turn challenging situations around. Be careful to avoid the tension around campus, generated by gossip and back-biting.

4/20-5/20 Taurus
Go ahead and indulge in the romantic part of your life! Now is a good time to take a break from the routine, or, at the very least tap into your creative potential. Those of you who are single will turn to someone you admire for advice.

5/21-6/21 Gemini
You'll say "home is where the heart is" as this week unfolds. Take some time to create a more loving and beautiful environment around you. Be open to a grand adventure that could occur any time this week; you just may learn something new.

6/22 – 7/22 Cancer
The pace of your everyday life will increase. You could hook-up with a potential romantic significant other over the course of all this increased activity, especially around the new moon of the 27th. However, don't overlook the most important people in your life.

7/23-8/22 Leo
Now it is time for you to define your priorities and values. A potential or existing mate will have to share your deeply held beliefs before the relationship can develop. Contain conflict around the 23rd, or else a disagreement could get out of hand. Let those feelings of anger go.

8/23-9/22 Virgo
The energy aligned in your sign this month will help bolster your charisma, confidence, and attractive qualities. Others will desire to know you better. Avoid the temptation to look for perfection from your mate, or in a potential mate. The critical side of your nature will make an appearance sometime this week.

9/23-10/22 Libra
Everything falls into place, and it is your time to shine! Others will comment on how great you look. The generous side of your nature will be activated as the week unfolds. Be willing to be a little more creative in the way you do your duties at work and school. Responsibilities come first and foremost.

10/23-11/21 Scorpio
This week is a good time for you to network, mix and mingle with others. Even you private and quiet Scorpios might enjoy a little more socializing during his time. This weekend, a new friend could turn into a potential lover, or, friendship could deepen within a romantic relationship.

11/22-12/21 Sagittarius
Taking charge and being confident is in your favor. Be bold in asking for what you want at work, and wish to learn in class. Personal relationships thrive with added responsibility. Do for your mate and he or she will do for you. You will want to spend more quality time with friends as the week comes to a close.

12/22-1/19 Capricorn
Travel may be on your agenda sometime soon. You will be yearning for a quick getaway by the time next week rolls around. Don't back away from that special someone whom you never thought you'd have a chance with. This is an appropriate time for winning the respect of your potential mate or strengthening ties with your mate.

1/20-2/18 Aquarius
Now is the time for deepening intimacy with your mate, by examining your mutual values. Those of you who are single will have a long, meaningful conversation with an admirer or someone whom you adore. This weekend you will be seeking for an adventure of some sort. Be open to travel or new learning.

2/19-3/20 Pisces
September is an important month for comprehending a relationship or friendship. You'll be able to understand the eccentricities of your mate or a close friend more fully by the middle of next week. Be willing to be more honest in your discussions, even if the consequences could be detrimental.

Delta Zeta proudly welcomes all of its new members

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Katie Barboza
Randi Berman
Megan Chin
Samantha Evans
Chantelle Fitzgerald
Megan Goldberg
Sydney Greco
Jennifer Hesser
Emily Kaplan
Kristin Kish
Heather Kleinert
Rebecca Kleinhaus
Kiersten Lyons
Melissa Matzuk
Marisa Mazzone
Heather Mickey
Christina Petrozza
Carly Rabinowitz
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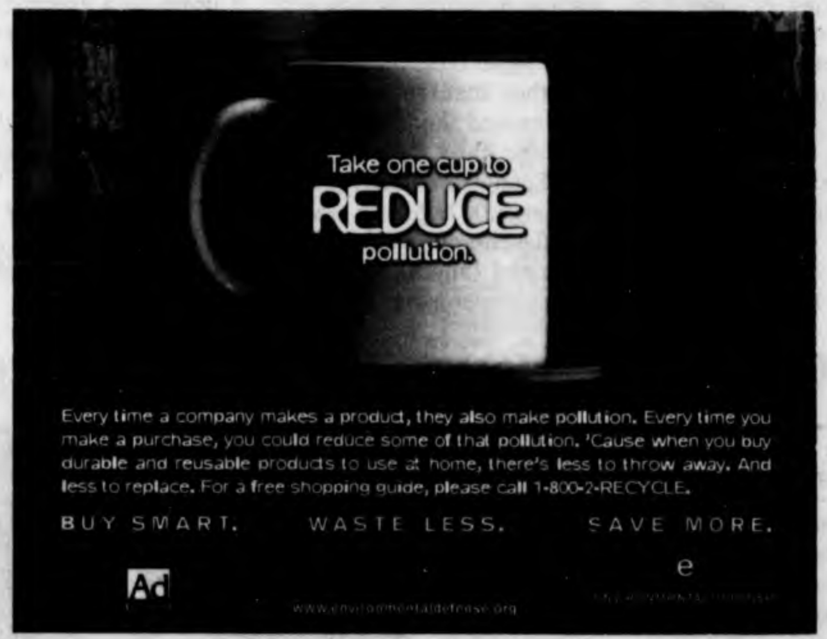

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The 2000 Summer Games: Not my cup of Fosters

The summer Olympics only come around every four years. I figured I would be somewhat excited about this year's Games in Sydney, Australia. The coral reefs, the majestic opera house, the sandy beaches replete with surfers, the beer; in essence, Australia is picturesque and a perfect venue for such competition as the Olympics.

Thus far, however, the Games have been anti-climactic and though NBC has done a stellar job with coverage, airing programming on their CNBC and MSNBC affiliates, the Games seem too distant and unimportant. Of course, some moments have been awe-inspiring, mostly the young age of some of the world's best athletes. Adolescent wonders have captured audiences worldwide, but the contests are more interesting because of the stories than the actual battles.

I have found myself rooting on countries other than the United States purely because of various dominant figures. Nationalism at its peak? No. I find it gets too monotonous pulling for the United States in every event. Like betting on horses at the track, I cheer on the athlete with the most unique name, history, or physique when it comes to women's swimming, gymnastics or volleyball.

Sydney's Games are just that, games. The competition aspect is overshadowed with dramatic anecdotes and Australia's picturesque terrain. The list of analysts involved with the summer games is undeniably the best group of announcers in the field.

Somehow, NBC was able to capture commentators from a myriad of other networks such as ABC/ESPN, CBS, MSG, WPIX and more. Network ties were obviously not strong enough to keep the best in the business from joining NBC's elite cast. Every voice is eloquent, passionate and articulate. If the events do not draw the viewer to the television, the pundits may. I am apathetic when it comes to rowing and judo, but if Bob Costas is at the mic, I may just jump on the Netherlands crew bandwagon and envy the oar-work of Croatia.

The only remedy for the lack of thrill at this year's Games is that the more enthralling contests have not yet occurred. As the soccer tournament eliminates nation after nation, men's basketball heats up and track & field hit the Sydney stage, the Olympics may find a way to climb back into the driver's seat of the sporting arena.

There is definitely hope for the Games. Perhaps it is the first week jitters that are the problem. If not for the novelty of the Olympics, I might not have even watched a minute of the competition this past week. I can only hope that as the summer season in Australia heats up, so do the Summer Games.

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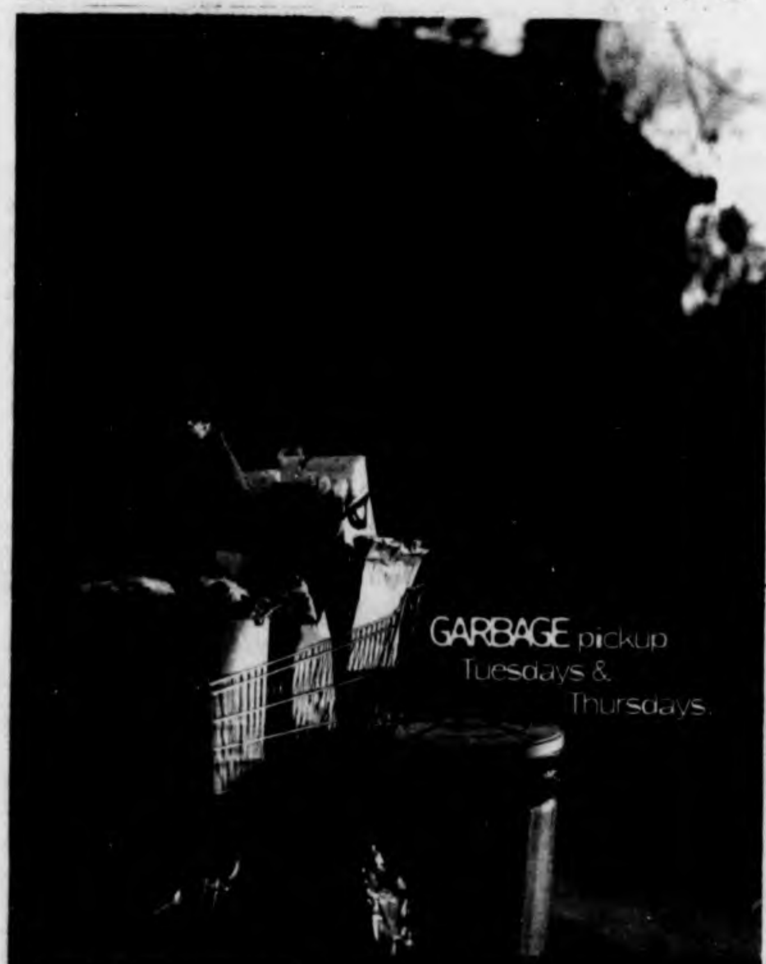

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FRIDAY

Spirit Day - Wear Your Red and Grey!!

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Athletic Pep Rally
Memorial Hall
8:00P.M.

SATURDAY

Volleyball vs. Bryn Mawr and Western Maryland
11:00A.M.

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Women's Soccer vs. Bryn Mawr
Noon

Football vs. Franklin & Marshall
1:00P.M.

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Alumni Volleyball Game
Memorial Hall
4:00P.M.

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Men's Soccer vs. Gettysburg
4:00P.M.

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Tough loss makes this a rough week for field hockey team

Mules hope to regain winning form against Gettysburg today

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

In a disheartening loss to Johns Hopkins this weekend, the Mules didn't let the Blue Jays fly without a struggle on the turf. Goals by seniors Kelly Gower, Carole Caine and Kerry Lambert put a respectable score of 4-3 on the board. The high points prove a strong start for field hockey in their opening Centennial Conference game against last year's Conference co-champions. The team remains ranked twelfth in national Division III standings; this game brings their conference record to 0-1, and 4-2 overall.

The Blue Jays lead convincingly in the first half, with two goals in the first 15 minutes. The Mules' defense stepped up, allowing the offense control of the ball and the turning point for the Mules in the first half. Junior wing Amy Yalch dribbled down from the past the 50-yard line, surprising Hopkins' defense and forcing a penalty corner. Another corner for the Mules was called again, which set the pace for the team. Gower answered to Hopkins' two goals with the help of junior Sarah Stitzer later in the first half, making the score 2-1. The Mules kept the ball in their 50-yard line for a good five minutes until the Blue Jays were awarded a penalty corner in the last two minutes of the half, leaving the Mules down by two.

The Mules, ready to up the score, played hard defense to keep the Blue Jays from shooting on goal. Two of the Mules team captains secured the score with 9 minutes left to play, a penalty stroke was called in 'Berg's favor; Caine was given an opportunity to prove her recent Centennial Conference player of the week honors. She outwitted Hopkins' goalie, and brought the momentum back into the game by upping the score 3-2. Not a minute later, Hopkins gained control of the ball and split the score. Lambert's shot on goal with 2 minutes left made it inside the cage, but the Mules' second-half intensity wasn't enough to tie by the buzzer.

Today, the team plays Gettysburg, who beat the Mules last year 4-0. Lambert is expecting to turn the tables this season, and catch the Bullets after their loss to Rowan last week. "We're due to win. Coming out of our last two losses is fuel to the fire," said Lambert. The team has learned that they need to transfer their intensity from the end of each game to the beginning to not give up any more wins, according to Lambert. "We are going to take one game at a time," she said.

On Saturday, the Mules play Washington (in Maryland) away, whose record is 3-2 overall, 1-0 in the Conference.

Photo by Shelly Bloom

Captain Carole Caine sets up for a penalty shot in the game's final minutes. She made the shot, but the Mules dropped their first Conference game of the season.

Football team gives Dickinson a 'Devil' of a time at home

Top Centennial Conference with 2-0 record

By Mike Billet
Asst. Sports Editor

After a bye week, this past Saturday the Mules faced Dickinson College at Biddle Field. In a tough battle, the Mules prevailed 41-26, gaining their first conference win which will hopefully be a playoff bound season. In the Mules first possession of the game, senior quarterback Michael McCabe drove the Mules down the field, setting up for what would be an unsuccessful 30-yard field goal attempt by kicker Michael Dickinson.

Dickinson was unable to capitalize their good fortune, and for the most of the first quarter, the Mules and Dickinson engaged in a back and forth defensive battle. The rest of the game was an offensive explosion by both teams, starting with a 3 play, 55-yard drive at the end of the first quarter, and ending with McCabe connecting with All-American candidate Josh Carter for a 45 yard long bomb to put the Mules up 7-0.

Dickinson quickly countered at the start of the second quarter when Dickinson quarterback Jeff Sturgeon capped off a 9 play, 72 yard drive with a touchdown pass to wide receiver Steve Lambros, tying the score at 7. In the Mules next drive, McCabe quickly gave the ball back to Dickinson on an interception by Dickinson cornerback Andy Kersetter. This set up a 39-yard drive for Dickinson, resulting in a touchdown. This would be Dickinson's only lead in the game. The Mules were resilient and fought back, eventually tying the score on a 35-yard pass to freshman running back Matt Bernado.

Dickinson squandered its next possession when quarterback Jeff Sturgeon's pass was intercepted by the Mule's sophomore Jordan Wright. Wright returned Sturgeon's interception 22 yards to Dickinson's 12 yard line. Sophomore Anthony Wolfsohn ran the ball 12 yards into the end zone making the score 21-14 at half in the Mule's favor.

Dickinson opened the third quarter with a 77-yard touchdown, culminating with a 2-yard run by running back Michael Smith. The extra point was missed, however, leaving the Mules in the lead by one point. On the Mules next possession, McCabe threw a gorgeous touchdown pass for 61 yards to running back Wolfsohn.

This capped a wonderful day for Wolfsohn, who ran for a career high 104 rushing yards as well. On their next possession in a hard fought game, Dickinson quickly countered back, capping a 5 play, 80-yard drive with a touchdown run by quarterback Jeff Sturgeon. Being behind by two points, Dickinson opted to go for the 2-point conversion to tie the game at 28, but was unsuccessful. This was the turning point of the game, as the Mules took advantage and expanded their lead in the fourth quarter. Muhlenberg scored two more times, both on passes from McCabe to sophomore wide receiver Alfredo Mecuri on bombs of 44 and 77 yards.

These receptions were Mercuri's first two touchdowns of his career. Mercuri finished with 139 yards on four receptions. This also capped off an impressive day for McCabe, who threw for 375 yards and a school record-tying five touchdowns. McCabe also went over the 5,000-yard mark for his career and now owns three of the top four passing games in school history. The Mules defense was led by senior Mwaura Muroki with 13 tackles and an interception.

The final score of the game was 41 to 26 in favor of the Mules. The Mules ran their record to 2-0 (1-0 in conference), and will face Franklin and Marshall at Homecoming this week at Scotty Wood Stadium.

Last year the Mules defeated the Diplomats 42-13.

: Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web site

On Thursday the Muhlenberg women's volleyball team won its fifth straight match against Delaware Valley in their home opener after losing to them last year 2 to 3. This time the Mules triumphed with a score of 3 to 1. Sophomore Meaghan Billie reached career-high numbers with 20 kills. Other career highs were set when senior captain Jennifer Kahn had 15 kills and 22 digs. Junior captain Laura Funsten also had 40 assists and 25 digs. On Saturday the Mules lost to Moravian, 1 to 3. Moravian made a comeback after their defeat by the Mules two weeks ago at Messiah when the score was Muhlenberg 3, Moravian 2. Sophomore Elisabeth Leone had 22 digs, 5 aces and 6 kills this past Saturday.

Anthony Wolfsohn had 202 all-purpose yards in their definitive win away at Dickinson. He rushed for a career-high 104 yards on only 19 carries, including the 12-yard touchdown run that put the Mules ahead for good, and also pulled in a 61-yard scoring pass. Wolfsohn was named to the Centennial Conference Weekly Honor Roll in the first game the Mules won at Dickinson since 1986. Mwaura Muroki led the Muhlenberg defense with 13 tackles against Dickinson and intercepted a pass for the second straight week. The Mules are currently ranked number one in the Centennial Conference.

This weekend's homecoming game against Gettysburg will mark the 41st time the two teams have faced off. Muhlenberg does hold a 22-14-5 lead in the series, which began back in 1949, but Gettysburg is 3-2-2 since 1993. The Bullets are currently ranked third in the CC, one spot above the Mules, who hope to reverse positions Saturday at 4:00. In each of the first three CC seasons, however, the winner of the Gettysburg-Muhlenberg match brought home the Conference title.

The Men's team will compete in preseason play today at Kutztown University at 3:30. Last year, the team finished second in the Centennial Conference with a record of 6-1 and 10-3 overall. Senior Robby Richman, who went 6-1 in CC matches last year, says, "I think we're going to have a great season. We had a lot of freshmen try out this year, and our returners and coaching can only get better as we go along."

Profile of a Mule

Meaghan Billie: Serving up something good behind the net

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor

Volleyball is an enormous part of Meaghan Billie's life and has been for quite some time now. As a middle hitter for Muhlenberg's team, she complements her teammates with much skill and motivation.

Meaghan began to play volleyball in the fifth grade. She continued to practice and work hard all the way through high school where she was a strong member of Allentown Central Catholic's team. They won the EPC Conference her junior year and Billie was featured as "Athlete of the Week" her senior year in The Morning Call.

When she came to Muhlenberg her junior year for volleyball camp, the coaches were immediately impressed with her skill and level of play. After meeting with them and recognizing their interest, making the decision to come to Muhlenberg was not a difficult one. She applied and was accepted as an Early Decision candidate. Upon receiving her acceptance letter, Billie was excited about both coming to college and playing volleyball for the Mules.

Although her coach has changed and many of the people she played with last year have moved on, Billie feels that things have worked out for the best. She notes that Coach Warmack-Chipman is a truly amazing instructor and has taught her so much in the short time that she has been at Muhlenberg. Their record thus far is 7-2. In the recent Buttermaker Tournament the team captured first place. They placed second at the Messiah Tournament last weekend.

"I love volleyball so much. It's a big part of my life," said Billie. She views her teammates as some of her best friends, and attributes much of her success to her parents. They attend every one of her matches, including ones that are on the road. They are very supportive of all of her decisions and help her stay motivated even when times are tough.

Billie is a pre-law student majoring in business. She strives to pursue her dreams of obtaining a career in Real Estate law. She continues to look ahead at her Muhlenberg experience with much hope and enthusiasm and is confident that the volleyball team is off to a great start.

"No one person gets all the credit. The reason we do well is because we play as a team and always focus on each opponent as if we start over with a clean slate."

One thing is for certain: Billie's volleyball slate will definitely receive many more marks in the years to come.

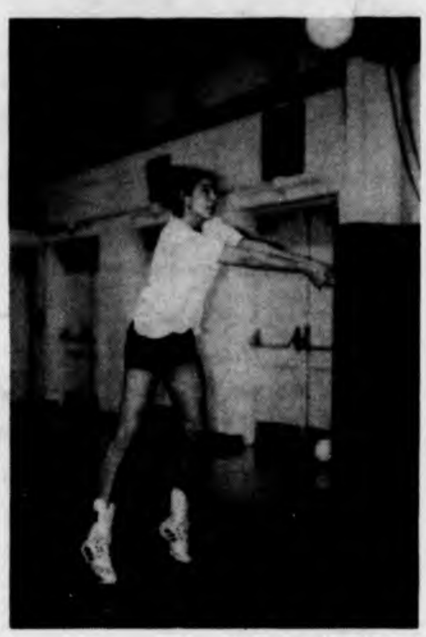

Photo by Josh Lebson

Billie leads the team in kills this season and is well on her way to breaking several school records.

Men take first and women second at Mule Invitational

Elson runs away with the gold; both teams off to a fast start

By Mike Billet
Asst. Sports Editor

On Saturday, the college hosted the eighth Mule Invitational at Cedar Crest College. The course for the invitational began at Cedar Crest College, looped through Cedar Beach Park and returned to Cedar Crest College. The invitational consisted of only Division III teams. Five Division III teams competed in the men's invitational, while seven Division III teams competed in the women's invitational.

The five Division III teams who participated in the Mule Invitational were Moravian, Richard Stockton, Delaware Valley, Muhlenberg and the University of the Sciences, which did not finish the race and thus, was not scored. The Mules tied Moravian as the overall winners of the invitational with a score of 29 points. Junior Will Elson was the first to finish the race with a time of 26:59. This marked a personal achievement for Elson because he became the first Muhlenberg men's runner to take the gold medal at the Mule Invitational. Muhlenberg finished with 3 of the top 5 runners. Sophomore Brendan Gallagher followed Elson with a time of 27:12 to claim second place. Moravian's Wes Zimmerman took third place in the invitational, while freshman Rob Uniszkiewicz followed quickly behind with a time of 27:16 to be the third person for the Mules to finish within the top five. Coach Linda Andrews was pleased with the team's effort, saying, "Our men are running better and better each week. This is the first time in many years that our team competed head to head with Moravian. It was exciting to see one of our runners, Will Elson, win the meet." For the runners, sophomore Ethan Fearn reiterated the feeling of the team when he said "Although we anticipated a win, we were extremely happy with our first place tie."

Cross country runners bringing home the gold.
Clockwise from top: Will Elson '02; Rob Schopf '04; Chris Catalano '01; Robin Holden '03.

The women's team finished a strong second out of seven teams at the Mule Invitational. The six other teams that participated in the women's invitational were Moravian, Bryn Mawr, Richard Stockton, Cedar Crest, University of the Sciences and Delaware Valley. Moravian was the overall winner of the female invitational with a score of 16 points. For the Mules, junior Katie Garrett was the only runner from the college to finish in the top ten. When asked how to describe this year's women's cross country team, Garrett said, "I am proud of everybody's performance. The team is improving a lot, especially from the beginning of the season." Coach Andrews stated "I am pleased with the running of Katie Garrett. She is improving with each meet. The rest of the team is doing a good job with pack running." The next meet for both the men and the women's cross country team will be held this Saturday at Lebanon Valley with Allentown and Swarthmore.

Last year at the meet, the women beat Allentown and Lebanon Valley but lost to Swarthmore.

The men lostto all three opponents, but this year have a much stronger team and will more than likely put up a better showing.

The meet begins at 11 a.m. on Homecoming Saturday and is the final one until the Dickinson Invitational on October 7.

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Women's soccer blanks Western Maryland 3-0

Freshman Dawn Iberer nets two to improve overall team record to 4-1-1

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

For even the most outstanding freshman athlete, the adjustment from high school soccer to the collegiate level can be a long and enduring task. But Muhlenberg freshman Dawn Iberer showed no signs of difficulty after scoring two goals and assisting on another as the Mules defeated Centennial Conference rival Western Maryland 3-0 on Saturday.

While both teams exchanged shots in the first half, neither team was able to capitalize and the game remained scoreless at the half. Yet, junior forward Nancy Grove once again sparked the offense by putting the Mules on the board at 52:37 of the second half.

Iberer raced down the left side of the field and directed a beautiful cross to Grove, who blasted the ball past Western Maryland goalie Becca Lyter to put Muhlenberg ahead 1-0.

The goal ignited the Muhlenberg offense, which continued to crash the net and create numerous scoring opportunities. The effort was rewarded at the 72:05 mark when Sharon Seggel centered the ball to Iberer, who one-timed the shot into the top left corner of the goal to increase the Mules' lead.

Iberer struck again at 79:37 with an assist credited to Jennie Vroman to seal the game for the Mules.

The victory also demonstrated the effectiveness of the defense, which held Western Maryland to only eight shots. Sophomores Kim Laurino and Denae Bordeaux split the shutout and were each credited with four saves.

While the win improved the Mules' Centennial Conference record to a perfect 2-0, the game also signified sweet revenge for the upperclassmen. Last year, the Mules fell to Western Maryland 2-1, a defeat which was one of only two conference losses suffered by the Mules and placed both teams in a tie for second place. However, this was not the case this year as the Mules dominated play in the shutout victory.

"We owed them big time," said Laurino. "This was about revenge today."

The victory gives the Mules an overall record of 4-1-1 in this early season, and head coach Leslie Benintend was pleased with the efforts the team gave.

"We are a different team this year, and any game we play we have the ability to win," Benintend explained. "We are a tough, hard-nosed team this year."

Her feelings were evident in the victory, for the Mules continued to pressure the Western Maryland defense while stifling the Green Terror's offense at the other end. While the game was scoreless at halftime, the Mules followed Benintend's advice and made the necessary adjustments and capitalized early on. The constant offensive pressure proved to be the difference in the game, and much of the credit goes to the young freshman Iberer.

"She scored both of her goals with her left foot," remarked Benintend. "She showed great composure on the field today."

Coach Benintend was also pleased with the play of the defense throughout the day, and was impressed with the way the team earned the shutout.

The Mules, who are ranked seventeenth in the nation among Division III schools, hope to carry this momentum with them throughout the rest of their Centennial conference play.

"If we play together like we did today," Laurino said, "we feel we can play with and beat anyone."

The ladies take on Bryn Mawr on Saturday at noon.

Photos by Weekly Staff

**Above: Dawn Iberer steals the ball away from a Green Terror defenseman on her way to another goal.
Below: Nancy Grove shows off some fancy footwork.**

Men's soccer defeats Dickinson

By Ching Yuen Hui
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules started their Centennial Conference campaign with a 3-0 shutout against Dickinson last Saturday. Playing in front a huge of home crowd, the Mules went onto a quick start, and pressed the Red Devils to their own half right from the whistle.

In the 17th minute, left winger Justin Marx sent a right hand corner-kick into the penalty box. As players from both team scrabbled, the ball was miskicked and flew into the air. In form, striker Mark Lee took advantage of the condition. With his back facing the Dickinson goal, he opened the scoring with a spectacular overhead kick. This powerful and fantastic bicycle kick left Michael Murphy motionless in Dickinson's goal. Starting sophomore Tom Hartey unfortunately injured himself in a sliding tackle in the midfield. However, the Mules hanged on to blank the Dickinson Red Devils 1-0 after the first half.

Second half substitute Ben Long widened the gap in the 59th minute with an individual goal down the left side. Calmly controlling a pass from Quentin McDowell, Long dribbled past a Dickinson defender and then embarrassed Murphy. With a powerful shot from the inside of his left foot, Long sent the ball into the net, then celebrated with excitement and flair. Taking his jersey off, Long ran around the field as the Muhlenberg crowd went wild.

Late in the game, Marx blasted a 35-yard bullet into goal and sent the Red Devils into dismay. A blind run by David Vassilaros confused the Red Devils' defense and allowed Marx to shoot in the open space.

The Mules will entertain Gettysburg College on Homecoming weekend at 4 p.m. Last year, the teams fought to a 0-0 tie, mostly due to spectacular goaltending by Rob Pomento. A win will put Muhlenberg in the driver's seat to the Centennial Conference title.

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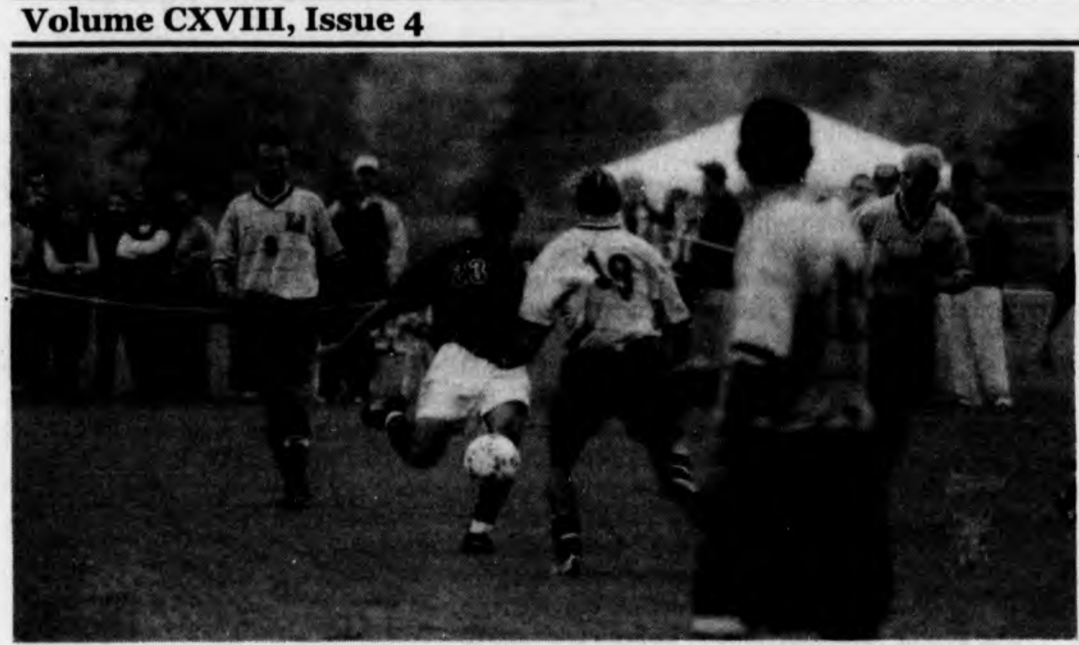

Soccer players David Vassillaros (9), Justin Marx (19) and Evan Smallwood (16) Saturday.

Rush completed; pledges join Greeks

By Joseph Trentacoste
Managing Editor

The Greek system has come under fire in the past few months, but the debate did not seem to hinder its growth in any considerable way. On Sunday, Sept. 17, 169 students made the decision to join Greek organizations.

Both fraternities and sororities look upon this time of year as an extremely important one in for the future of their group, as new membership is vital to their survival. Each year, eligible sophomores and juniors rush Greek organizations in hopes of being offered a bid. This year showed close to record numbers coming out to show their interest.

The five fraternities on campus, Alpha Epsilon Pi (AEPi), Delta Tau Delta (DTD), Phi Kappa Tau (PKT), Sigma Phi Epsilon (SPE), and Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE), together drew a higher number of new associates at 87 than last semester's 84. This is noteworthy because the organizations number one less after the College severed its ties with Alpha Tau Omega (ATO), which more often than not received the highest number of pledges per semester.

AEPi, having only 9 active brothers coming into the semester, was revitalized with 27 associates, their largest pledge class in recent years. Close behind was SPE, which added an

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Legendary team from the 80s returns

First reunion in 20 years

Muhlenberg is simply amazing

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

For Frank Marino, homecoming had an extra perk this year. And for a bunch of football players now middle-aged and their coach, approaching retirement, last weekend was one for the memory books.

It was called the storybook season: the 1980 football season during which the Mules went 8-1, the best record for the men's football team since 1947. The only loss was to Western Maryland. Six out of those eight games were decided by less than a touchdown. The year opened with a 14-11 win over Franklin and Marshall, the first time the Mules defeated the Diplomats in a decade. Quarterback Gary Greb threw for 403 passing yards that game, setting a school record that stood until Michael McCabe threw for 417 in a game last year.

On the day of the team's 20th reunion, Saturday, the 2000 Mules defeated Franklin and Marshall 45-0.

For Marino, the year 1980 holds a special significance; it was his last coaching football. He ended his career in football with a 54-40-

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Perkulators to get funds after weeks of searching

Athletics refuses request, but Council chips in

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

The Finance Committee of Student Council will recommend tonight an allocation of just under a thousand dollars to the Perkulators, the dance club that has spent the last few weeks searching for funds. It is almost assured that the entire council will approve the recommendation.

Council originally tabled the Perkulators' request for over $2,000 because the budget included mostly uniforms for competitions. Student Body President Jodi Siegel and Finance Committee Chair Christina Coviello both said at the time that funds were not originally allocated because uniforms should come out of the Athletic Department's budget rather than out of the Student Council budget, which is used for club activities that are more open to every student.

After the original request was denied by Student Council, Coviello, Siegel, Jane Schubert, faculty advisor to the Perkulators, and Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg met to address the issue.

"We all had a meeting and we talked about where their funds should come from. What we decided was Student Council is going to pay for some of this, but not for all of it," Coviello said. The group decided that Danielle Lehman, head of the Perkulators, should ask the Athletic Department for funds.

But when Lehman, asked Athletic Director Steve Erber for funds, she was flatly refused.

"They're very right that we

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Siegel, Poag to attend trustees' meeting

By Andrew May
Weekly Staff Writer

Student Council voted Thursday that Senior Andrew Poag would be the strongest delegate to meet with the Board of Trustees in October. Poag, a member of Student Council himself, will represent the campus along with the Student Body President, Jodi Siegel, when the meetings commence on Oct. 19.

Siegel was very optimistic about the upcoming meetings, as well as the decision to elect Poag to the position. "[I am] extremely happy. We work together really well. He'll do a really great job."

She then added that some of Poag's biggest assets are his involvement in Greek life, as well as the fact that this is his first year on Student Council. Although he is a senior, he has a "fresh mind and new ideas." His senior status is in itself a big asset as well, as Siegel believes that the Class of 2001 has seen the most change of any other class—from the building of Moyer Hall to the renovation of The General's Quarters, to the vast increase in

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Spirit of activism fallen into the generation gap

Dustin Stein
Opinion Columnist

Why has the axe been lowered on us? Why is it that everywhere we look teenagers and young adults are deprived of the rights that made their parents so free-spirited, and more importantly happy? Is it any wonder that we are the Prozac and Ritalin generation? We have no rights; we are robbed of our vitality. We cannot do that; we can not go there. We have somehow unknowingly relegated our freedoms to some ruling power that we have yet to meet or been able to confront, but are constantly oppressed by.

The limitations on our responsibilities as young adults have become more and more suffocating, and our opinion has become less and less valuable to those that "know us best." Most of our parents were part of the generation where free-love, drugs, and peace ruled their hearts and minds. They were free to explore themselves in any number of conceivable ways. Now we are limited by what the government and administrators around the world feel is right. How could a community and generation that thrived on individuality and self-realization restrict us so much? I am not sure if it is my parents generation or my grandparents generation that hinders my growth, but I do not understand what warranted this limitation of our every freedom ranging from our freedom to protest to the national drinking age. Are our parents openly admitting to their mistakes and wishing us to not follow in their footsteps? Or is there some ulterior motive where they desire to be young and have fun again, but instead suppress our rights and fun? I highly doubt either possibility, but I can not come to a sufficient reason as to why young adults are trapped by someone else's reality.

There is no doubt that our generation is apathetic, but we are very much a product of our environment. Hippies and the beatniks of the '60s have raised children who are now preppy, palliative, lackadaisical students who worry about everything but the gravity of life and human rights. We are raised without rights and ambition, but why? Why have the past generations not nurtured our intellect and rights? This constant suppression of our lives has taken its toll and is best exemplified in the current student apathy to the corruptness of the world. When our parents attended school they protested and petitioned to end wars and human rights atrocities, confronting resistance from their elders. They also have banned our doing the same, further advancing the limitations on our right to self-exploration. College is a time to ultimately begin life's great journey where the mystery of who and what we are has got to take center stage. It must allow us moments of extreme frustration and misery, but equivocally moments of ecstasy and sheer joy in self-realization and invention. We have been confined since birth by rules and regulations. But, instead of questioning and challenging the status quo we have come to accept it. And through acceptance we sacrificed some of the promise of the here and now. Young adults have come to let events happen, become jaded by them, and pushed the responsibility onto everyone else, having "them" tell us what to do as they have in the past. We cannot live this "UN-conscious" life anymore. We need to regain our rationale and passion to "live."

Dustin Stein '01 has designed his own major in Religion and Political Theory

Common misconceptions corrected

Priscilla Begin
Opinion Columnist

The Muhlenberg Health Center. Most people complain because of the traditional bag o' goodies each student gets when they show up sick with a cold; cough syrup, nasal decongestant and the always-present salt to gargle. Another complaint is about the Health Center's seeming lack of women's services. Many women on campus feel that the Health Center fails to provide basic health services for women, such as the birth control and morning after pills.

As an almost-card-carrying member of NOW and stark supporter of women's rights, I was shocked to hear from fellow students that the health center did not provide these basic women's services. But, upon interviewing the director of the Health Center, I was startled to find how little I actually knew about what really goes on within the inner workings of the health center.

As easy as it would have been to point fingers at the accused, I cannot allow myself to write a misleading article about the Health Center and administration in general. I have to correct certain misconceptions held by most students so that these beneficial services can be taken advantage of.

Misconception #1: The Health Center does not provide birth control because it receives its supplies from Sacred Heart Hospital. Scores of students believe that the Health Center wants to press its morality upon the student body by not providing birth control. Because Catholicism does not advocate the use of oral contraceptives, this hospital refuses to supply the Health Center with birth control or the morning after pill.

The Health Center receives its supplies from a variety of sources so numerous that it would be impossible for the ideology of one hospital to dictate what the center can and can not provide. Although our College Health Center does not directly distribute the birth control pill, they do have a Registered Nurse (RN), who specializes in gynecological care, come to run a special clinic twice a month. This is the only time when a woman will be able to start birth control if she wishes to go through the Health Center. The RN would issue a prescription to be filled at a local pharmacy. The pills can even be delivered directly to the health center if the student is not able to get off campus.

The main argument that the director of the Health Center gives for not providing these services on a daily basis is that he wants it to be a personal process. Starting birth control is not an easy decision, and for many students it is one that they do not want made public. Since there is an after-hours clinic for all women who want to begin the pill, it is therefore, more personalized and private.

Another reason for not regularly providing the pill is the risk of providing the pill to any student who wants it. The health center feels that all women wanting the pill should go through an examination process, with tests for STDs, and a follow-up visit to go over any possible side effects. The College Health Center is directly affiliated with The Women's Center, a special health clinic especially for women associated directly with Lehigh Valley Hospital. The RN who comes to campus works at The Women's Center and can provide more services at their clinic if needed. The RN issues a prescription, and the student calls it in to a pharmacy of their choice. If the student is not able to get off campus, the pharmacy will come deliver the pills directly to the Health Center here on campus. The same thing can be done for those students who have a prescription given to them by a doctor at home.

Misconception #2: The health center does not provide the morning after pill and offers no help to a student who thinks she might be pregnant. If a woman comes into the Health Center thinking she might be pregnant, the first course of action is to administer a pregnancy test. The test is confidential and the Health Center offers counseling for the student in the event of a positive test. But the hole in the logic is if exposure has taken place within 72 hours, and a student wants only the morning after pill.

Oftentimes, students are extremely nervous and want complete privacy and confidentiality, especially if they have no means to get off campus.

A significant issue with the Health Center about providing these kinds of services is safety and privacy. Both sides can be seen on this issue. On one hand, many female students feel that because the health center is not always open to women and does not directly provide birth control or the morning after pill, that it is trying to impose its morality on the student population.

At the same time, the health center continually preaches about privacy and safety for all the women involved. The Health Center is extremely concerned about a kind of "drive-through" clinic, where they take

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Affirmative action no longer gives equal representation

Lucas Tomanelli
Opinion Columnist

In my past two articles, I spoke of issues that I felt symbolized the decay of morality and equal opportunity in this country. These issues were inconsistent with American ideals and should be restructured to correspond with the ideals that this country was founded on. This week I would like to speak about another issue that I feel is just as important as political ethics and economic opportunity: the issue of affirmative action. In my opinion, affirmative action is no longer a policy that provides people with an "equal playing field," as it was originally intended to do. Instead, affirmative action has only changed the way preferential treatment works by giving the upper hand to individuals holding the "minority" status. This, of course, is not the core of the problem. This nation should provide equal opportunities for everyone that calls America home, and I am extraordinarily happy to see that there is more opportunity for minority individuals nowadays than there was ten years ago. The problem, is that the playing field, in theory, hasn't really changed.

Affirmative action was established some thirty-odd years ago to help change the racially preferential system that was dominating America's workplaces and educational institutions. People holding the status of "minority" were being turned down in both settings because of their ethnic background. As a result, the government established affirmative-action to help provide these "minorities" with more opportunities for success by automatically giving them an advantage in cases of employment, and when applying to educational institutions.

In theory, this might have seemed like a legitimate program. In a way, it was. If you were just as or more qualified than other applicants for the position, then there is no reason why you should be turned down because of your skin color. The applicant should be evaluated solely on his or her credentials, and nothing else. Affirmative action, however, did not hold true to this "equal opportunity" ideal. I will give an example of a case from an article that I read in the New York Times in February of this year. An admissions officer at Wesleyan University was given the task of evaluating two applicants for the class of 2004. Both were women, one of whom was of Hispanic descent, and the was other Asian American. The Asian American applicant was from northern California, had an approximate SAT score of 1400, above average grades in above average classes, and was from a family who was financially "well off." The other applicant had an SAT score of under 1000, had a "D" in English, was from a lower class New York City neighborhood where she attended an elite prep school on a scholarship, and was a talented athlete on her high school soccer team. The admissions officer voted to deny admission to the Asian American because she didn't choose courses that were difficult enough, and voted to admit the Hispanic applicant because she exemplified good "leadership skills." This is not only an example of affirmative action, but also suggests favoritism because the admissions officer voted to admit the Hispanic applicant due to their common ethnicity. Although both candidates in this example are of minority status, it is still a case of affirmative action because the chosen applicant holds status from the less represented of the two groups, but is still less qualified for the spot than the Asian applicant.

Thanks to the above example, it is now evident that affirmative action is no longer a solution to the under representation of minorities in America. Instead, it is a cop out that denies deserved opportunities to applicants (employment and educational) that are both Caucasian and multiethnic, thus granting the opportunities to less qualified individuals because their specific ethnicity is not equally represented. This in no way shows equal opportunity. The solution to this dilemma is to combine the two aspects that have been discussed. Yes, recruit minorities!

In this day in age we really do need diversity, but at the same time, opportunities such as admission to selective universities and selection for more competitive jobs cannot be based solely on the applicant's skin color. If diversity is being sought, then it should be sought. It is crucial though, that the applicant not only meets the standards of preferred ethnicity, but also the academic and occupational qualifications that are necessary for the position. By implementing this strategy, the opportunity exists for all that are rightfully qualified. That is how a democracy should be.

Health care

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women in, then ship her out with the pill in hand while not having screened or tested her at all. The birth control pill is not something to be taken lightly. It contains a variety of hormones that alter the natural state of the female body and can have dangerous side effects in some women.

After having learned all this, there is still one bone left to pick with the health center. Although the RN services are offered at a discounted rate, once a student actually fulfills the prescription for the pill, it can be very expensive. Birth control pills can cost up to $30 a month, quite a sum for the average college student who has no monthly income.

In the end, the Health Center itself takes a very conservative approach to the issue of women's health...the services are provided to those who seek them, but are not properly advertised to the student body.

While the Health Center claims to be clearly accommodating, many female students find them much less than so. Regardless of what is commonly thought about the Health Center, the only way to expand and improve these services is to use such services. After all, if more and more students take advantage of the services, then the Health Center will have to become increasingly accountable. As a result, a more comfortable equilibrium between a "drive through" clinic and an unsafe campus will be reached.

Image is nothing, attitude is all

Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

The maturation of a college student is like a fine wine. When first year students walk onto the Muhlenberg campus, they are overwhelmed by the number of activities and social avenues open to them.

Upperclassmen normally see the new students running around the activities fair to sign up for every club, only to realize how much effort needs to be put into each club, whether it is a fraternity, sorority, community service project or political group. At this time in their college lives, these students are looking for a place to fit in and belong.

The point to be made involves the trends in both ends of the College spectrum: from upperclassmen to naïve freshmen. Although the word naïve initially sounds harsh, after some explanation, along with the passage of time and experience, first year students will eventually embrace their naivete.

Trends are big in this U.S. social culture that our generation is going through. The trends include music, clothing, entertainment, and even food. The social trends affect the way in which the world moves around us.

Lets point out something that an average joe can view on the Muhlenberg campus: fraternity parties, or parties in general. In the middle of the hot and sweaty dance floor of any fraternity, you can see the makeup running and the clothes drenched in sweat of the ladies who spend hours in front of their residence hall mirrors, getting ready for others to see them. Observe any senior arriving at a fraternity party in a pair of sweats and T-shirt to consume a beverage and dance. A senior will normally be napping until five minutes before a dance party to arrive in the most comfortable outfit. Whether the outfit shows skin or not, "it doesn't matter!"

Our choice of clothing is one of the most noticeable things on a campus this size. Do you wear Abercrombie or Gap? I can make a distinction for myself that I have never worn Abercrombie. Buying Kenneth Cole designer sunglasses can be considered trendy, but at this time of our lives, we need to form the realization that we as individuals can wear things that aren't consistent with the social "popular" trends. We are not all this ideal person wearing Armani shirts, Kenneth Cole shoes, Tommy Hilfiger designer glasses, Rolex watches and yellow Abercrombie baseball caps. It specifically deals with the "attitude" projected by the person modeling the "stylish" attire.

Being a senior, I have observed changes in regards to my fellow classmates, and myself as well. As we all get older, we can look back upon the times in which we lived, the music we listened to, and the clothes we wore, asking ourselves: were we actually that naïve?

Fall Break Shuttle Service

A free shuttle service to Lehigh Valley International Airport and Allentown Bus Terminal will be offered on Friday, October 6 and Tuesday, October 10 between the 12:00-8:00 pm.

The shuttle will promptly depart from the front of Seegers Union at:
12:00, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45, 5:00, 6:15

The shuttle will promptly depart from the Allentown Bus Terminal (3rd & Hamilton Streets) at:
12:20, 1:35, 2:50, 4:05, 5:20, 6:50

The shuttle will promptly depart from the departure level (Friday) and arrivals level (Sunday) of the airport at:
12:50, 2:05, 3:20, 4:35, 5:50, 7:20

If you have any questions or need alternative transportation, please contact Campus Safety at 484-664-3112

Weekly Discourse: Abortion

My body, my choice? Rights of the unborn?

Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio

Guest Opinion Columnist

The fetus' right to life versus the woman's right to bodily autonomy. The duty to carry a pregnancy to term versus the burden of giving birth to an unwanted child. The inherent value of every child conceived versus the social costs of unwanted children. The denial of the chance to be born versus the harm suffered by a child not wanted by his or her parents. Abortion versus adoption.

Everyone who has ever thought seriously about abortion recognizes the issues, but people are much less likely to think about abortion in terms of the specific contexts of women's reproductive experiences and choices. It's one thing to argue that the fetus' right to life outweighs the woman's right to choice, or that the woman's right to bodily autonomy outweighs the fetus' right to life. It's another thing to consider the specific concerns that particular women have when it comes to conception, pregnancy, birth, and child rearing, along with the specific constraints they may face in deciding about these matters.

In the United States, women make these choices in a context that is quite unsupportive of child rearing, which is still primarily the responsibility of women. The U.S. is one of the few western, industrialized nations that does not require employers to provide paid parental leave for the birth or adoption of a child. The Family and Medical Leave Act, passed in 1993, requires that employers with more than 50 employees provide up to twelve weeks of unpaid parental leave. Many U.S. employers do offer paid parental leave these tend to be large organizations employing mostly salaried, full-time employees. Part-time employees, employees in jobs paid by the hour and employees of smaller organizations are much less likely to have paid parental leave available to them.

The U.S. also offers fewer publicly funded supports for child rearing than most other western industrialized nations. While there are tax credits for child care expenses, and federal income tax deduction for each child in a family, these supports tend to benefit higher income families who pay taxes and itemize deductions. And many institutions in the U.S.—from work places and colleges and universities to shops and restaurants—are reluctant to reorganize to meet the needs of parents and children. Only a small number of employers offer flex time schedules or allow employees to do part of their work at home.

Recent changes in federal public welfare policies—the replacement of AFDC with TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) means that the poorest single mothers and heads of families with young children have to find paid work and pay for day care with little or no (depending on the state) public assistance. The rate at which U.S. non-custodial parents pay child support is surprisingly low. For example, according to the Census Bureau, in 1996, of the approximately 11 million custodial mothers in the U.S. about 6 million were supposed to receive court-ordered child support payments, but only 2.4 million received full payment, 1.8 million received partial payment, and 1.8 million received no payment. While federal and state child support collection efforts have greatly improved since 1990, in 1996 approximately $45 billion in delinquent payments were owed.

When I consider these aspects of U.S. social policy and practice, I wonder whether abstract analyses of rights, duties, values, and principles have much to say to a woman who has to figure out what to do about her specific pregnancy in her specific situation. What if she is not in a position to support and raise the child she's carrying, and there's no one able and willing to help her do so? What if she will have to give up all or most of her prospects for her future self-reliance for years in order to raise this child? What if she can't bear the emotional ordeal of carrying a pregnancy to term and then handing over the baby for others to raise?

From this perspective, it seems to me that, in a social context that offers so little support for child rearing—while offering plenty of pontificating voices on the subject of family values—the only reasonable position on abortion is that women must have the freedom to decide for themselves whether or not to carry a pregnancy to term. We can certainly articulate values and principles to guide women making this decision, but we must leave it to the women in question to apply these values and principles to their specific situations, and trusting them to make the best possible decisions for their situations.

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Next week's Weekly Discourse Topic: Assisted Suicide

Minimize suffering or murder?

Those interested in contributing contact Dave at dsobotki@muhlenberg.edu or x4720.

Lindsey Aspinall

Guest Opinion Columnist

Whether or not a child is born yet, it is still a living being and no person has the right to make the decision to take its life. If the mother feels there is no way she can care for the child, she always has the option of putting the child up for adoption. I find it disgusting and selfish that women have abortions because of feelings that a child would infringe upon the courses of their lives. When a woman becomes pregnant, her main interests should be focused upon the well-being of her child. After all, it is a manifestation of herself, and killing it would be like killing part of herself. Guilt may one day creep into her mind when she realizes the injustice she has performed when she chose to take the precious life of her own child.

Although many like to argue that it is "only a mass of cells" being killed, isnt is true that we all began as only a mass of cells? No matter if it's one cell or an entire human being, it is still alive. That "mass of cells" has the potential to become a great scientist, lawyer, doctor, or actor. Perhaps the person who was going to find the cure for cancer was killed by abortion. I believe that all babies should have the right to live so that one day they will have the chance to become successful and productive people in our world just as we have been given that chance; and so I am reminded of the famous bumper sticker, "Your mother chose life." It makes me think every time I read it. It makes me mourn for millions of babies who were not given the same chance.

Every time the infamous discussion of abortion arises, I remember an article I read last year. On the front cover of a newsletter my parents subscribe to was a picture of a tiny hand reaching out of its mother's stomach and grasping a doctor's finger. The article that followed was a heartwrenching story about a baby that needed an emergency operation on while still inside the womb. Because the baby was successfully operated on, it was born a healthy infant several months later. Although the story was a happy one, I couldn't help but feel really upset afterwards. The image of this tiny hand reaching out and grasping the doctor's finger was imprinted on my mind, and still is today. During this operation the little mass of life was scared. Perhaps it wasn't a fully formed human, but it had hands and fingers and was living. It was frightened and reached out for comfort! How can people argue that babies aren't alive until they are born? After seeing that picture, I don't think that's a valid standpoint.

In my own heart I know that there is no rightful justification for taking the innocent life of a child. For me, it certainly brings grief to think of all the babies that were not given a chance to live.

Lindsey Aspinall is a first year Communication major.

Brian Talbott

Assistant Opinion Editor

Today's society is in a sad state when people shout and protest giving murderers their just desserts, yet few have second thoughts about killing a child. Killing a child sums up what abortion really is, murder.

Pro-choice supporters have often made the argument that though the unborn child is human, it is not a person. Pro-choice people defend either a decisive moment or gradualist approach. The 'decisive moment' argument is the idea that the unborn child is not a full person until it's born. Those who believe in the gradualist approach think that the unborn human gradually becomes more and more of a person as development progresses. Therefore, a zygote has fewer rights than an 8-month old fetus, but that fetus has fewer rights than an adult woman. No matter what argument is taken, pro-choice supporters believe that the mother has no obligation to the child until it is born.

A zygote, a fetus, or an adult all have the same rights. None of these are less human, or less of a person than the other. A zygote is the one celled, soon to be "child." The zygote contains all 46 chromosomes, all the genetic information that makes it human. These genes are unique; there will never be another child with exactly these same characteristics again. Each child is unique and different, whether born or not. This is a stage that every human alive today went through. You did not come from a zygote; you once were a zygote. You did not come from a fetus; you once were a fetus. You did not come from adolescence; you once were an adolescent. Whenever a woman has an abortion, they are wiping out, not a potential human life, but a human life with great potential.

Many women scream out that carrying out their pregnancy is a great inconvenience and it destroys their entire life. There is a very simple answer. There is only one way to get pregnant. Don't partake of the activity if you don't want the consequences. If you decide to have unprotected sex, then you need to be prepared to suffer the consequences. If you don't want to get pregnant, then don't have unprotected sex. This is a black and white issue, there is no middle ground.

If a woman is not capable of taking care of the child, then that child can be given up for adoption. Abortion destroys a human life. It's also very selfish. To kill a human life simply because its inconvenient is dead wrong. It's murder.

Quietly celebrating a year on duty

A year of expansion and exploration for EMS

Secretary Donna Miliano and Lieutenant Ryan Kerrian give a demonstration on proper CPR technique.

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

The Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Service (MCEMS) will celebrate its first anniversary on Oct. 1. In the past year, MCEMS has responded to about 450 calls, covering a range of medical emergencies.

This organization was started by Senior Frank Caria. He began developing the program in 1998, his freshman year. Caria "felt there was a need for an EMS unit on campus." He wanted to see trained students helping other students. Final approval was received in 1999 to develop the program fully.

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>
> Donna Miliano
> Secretary, MCEMS

Thus began a long process of meetings with various members of the administration and Campus Safety. Caria credits Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety; Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students; and Sam Miranda, Director of Health Services as instrumental in the planning process. By the summer of 1999, the program was ready to begin. Student Council and Campus Safety both contributed money to EMS for supplies.

By the fall of 1999, e-mails were circulated, notices posted on the College's website and announcements were placed around campus recruiting students. The team began with Caria, three other officers and 18 members.

The current EMS Executive Board consists of Captain Frank Caria, Lt. Ryan Kerian, Treasurer Jessica Kaplan and Secretary Donna Miliano. The Board holds meetings once a month for the rest of the EMS team. The team now consists of 27 members, all students. Ten of these students are certified Emergency Medical Technicians as well. In order for a student to become part of EMS, they need to be certified in CPR, First Aid and Automated External Defibrillation.

Training courses in CPR and AED are offered throughout the year. First Aid courses are offered locally. A student must also be willing to volunteer 12 hours of their time per week to EMS. Because there are duty crews on call 24 hours a day, it is necessary that all members volunteer at least 12 hours each week.

EMS has grown tremendously since its inception last year due in part to the efforts of Campus Safety and the students. EMS now has its own first responder vehicle. It also has housing on campus, where several members of the executive board live. Meetings are held there as well.

In addition, EMS has a bicycle team, with several pieces of new medical equipment including a defibrillator. They have also received new uniforms and jackets. Perhaps their greatest acquisition is the new paging system they have received which has cut their response time down from nine minutes to two minutes. In honor of their one year anniversary, EMS is holding an event to be announced to its members.

EMS has many future plans. They are currently working on several fundraisers and are very involved with college outreach and awareness.

The EMS team is dedicated to helping the students and working together with Campus Safety and the Administration. Caria declared, "EMS and Campus Safety work hand-in-hand to serve the College community."

Kerrian feels that "it is important for the students to know that we are all professionally certified in the state of Pennsylvania. We also take patient confidentiality very seriously."

The EMS team is trained to work in assistance with Campus Safety to aid students in need on campus. Secretary Donna Miliano is pleased with her role in EMS. "It is really meaningful and rewarding to know that a student can start an organization that has the ability to help so many people."

Club Profile: MCEMS

Created: October 1999
Captain: Frank Caria
Number of members: 27
Qualifications of Members:
Many are Emergency Medical Technicians; others are certified in CPR, First Aid and AED.

New trends in Greek life

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impressive 22 pledges to its current brotherhood of 28. TKE, now standing at 41 brothers, and DTD, at 26, received classes of 16 and 13, respectively.

Nine students ran to PKT, which is still in the process of recolonization and whose 18 active members are currently petitioning their fraternity charter.

The sororities, Alpha Chi Omega (AXO), Delta Zeta (DZ), Phi Mu, and Phi Sigma Sigma (Phi Sig), at 82, are down 13 associates from last year's 95. The sorority system works differently than the fraternity system in that each house has a maximum number of pledges to whom they can give bids. This year's quota was 28 women.

The 53 sisters of DZ welcomed 27 new members, followed by AXO, adding 26 to its 50 active members. Phi Sig, already boasting an immense membership of 57, got 24 more. Phi Mu brought in 5 associates to raise its numbers to 29.

Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Greek Affairs, was pleased with the steady interest in Greek life.

"In terms of pledging and rushing, the system has been unaffected by anything negative that has gone on since school ended last year."

There was slight reason to worry at the beginning of the year, as the administration was unsure how the ATO situation would make the campus community feel about Greeks in general.

The numbers show, however, that student approval was not terribly affected.

Hurd was impressed with the way the current Greeks have dealt with the loss of one of their own.

"ATO leaving, in general, has made the Greek community more aware that they are not an island unto themselves and that they certainly are not invulnerable," he commented.

The college has begun to strictly enforce the rules regarding parties and the consumption of alcohol.

Any fraternity throwing a party where alcohol is available is required to hire two Bear Security personnel to supervise both the door and the dance floor.

The security guard at the door is in charge of checking ID's and handing out bracelets to those of age, as well as enforcing the 'one out, one in' rule. He also has a list of every student's birth date, furnished by the Dean of Students' Office. Students must present valid College I.D. in addition to a driver's license or state I.D.

The security guard patrols the dance floor and the bar.

The alternative of alcohol-free parties are at the Phi Kappa Tau or Delta Tau Delta fraternities, both of which are substance-free.

In fact, the administration is willing to reimburse any fraternity who throws a 'dry' party up to $300 for food, decorations, and entertainment.

Council Corner

Compiled by Seth Williams

Student Council appointed Andrew Poag as the second representative to the Board of Trustees at Thursday night's meeting. Poag, a senior, will join Student Council President Jodi Siegel in expressing the viewpoints of Muhlenberg's student body to the Board of Trustees.

Every year, the Student Body President and one other member of the student body attend the Board of Trustees meetings to reflect student perspectives.

The process for first-year student elections is under way. Nominations occurred this past week. Those students nominated started campaigning Monday morning at 12 a.m. Campaigning runs through the end of this week. All Muhlenberg students are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. All students may vote for the six student council representatives from the Class of 2004. Only members of the Class of 2004 may vote for their class officers (i.e. President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary). Please be sure to cast your vote!

In other happenings, Council approved funding requests from BSA and EnAct. Also, the Muhlenberg Shuttle is still searching for additional drivers. Drivers are paid $8.00/hour. If interested, please contact Josh Brookstein at x5215 at your earliest convenience.

As always, Student Council meetings are open to the college community. Please feel more than welcome to attend a meeting. Meetings are held every Thursday night at 7 p.m. in the conference room on the third floor of the Haas Building.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown, Pa.—City center Allentown was shocked Monday morning when a 22-year-old man was shot to death while standing at a bus stop in the middle of the downtown area. The city, which has been trying desperately of late to improve its status with the Downtown Improvement District, will struggle to recover from this homicide, the first since April 16. Tremaine Allen Tention was standing on 8th St. (just north of Hamilton) when a man walked up and shot him in the chest at approximately 11:00 a.m. Monday. He was pronounced dead just after noon.

Allentown, Pa.—Police approached John Oscar Liciaga downtown on Monday after hearing that he was wanted. Liciaga fled from the police after grabbing a bicycle from a passerbyand crossing two lanes of traffic. Police later caught up with the man and tackled him.

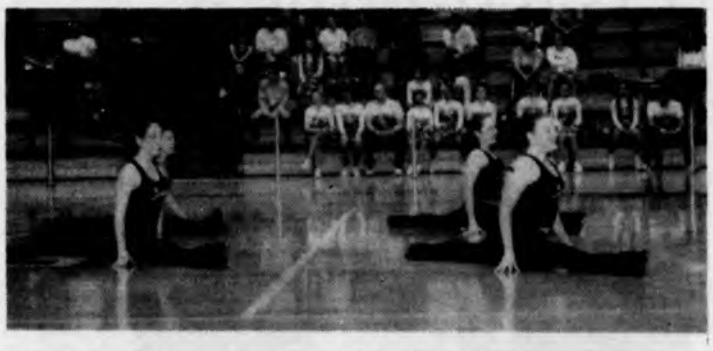
Yugoslavia—Slobodan Milosevic, Yugoslav President, claims to have won enough votes in the recent presidential election there to force a runoff between him and the opposition candidate. Vojislav Kostunica will square off with Milosevic in an Oct. 8 election. In the first election, Milosevic got 40% of the vote and Kostunica got 48%.

New Orleans, La.—Two middle school students, ages 13 and 14 argued and fought into what ended in gunfire this week; both boys were critically wounded. The school has suffered from a rash of fighting, but police said it was still unclear on the cause of the fight. The younger boy fired first, then the older boy grabbed the gun and fired.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 62	High 59	High 69
Low 35	Low 39	Low 47

Perkulators' pursuit for funds ends with Council



The Perkulators perform at a basketball game last year.

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should be funded under the athletic department," Lehman commented. "And I'm not done speaking with Coach Erber."

According to Coviello, who talked to Erber herself, "Steve Erber said he doesn't have any money in his account, nor does he foresee making room for another varsity club."

Erber was out of the office and was not able to comment at the beginning of the week.

When Student Council originally tabled the Perkulators' budget, Siegel stressed that the team would get some money in the end. "Jodi made it very clear that we were not being allocated money then, but that we would get some funds," Lehman said.

Coviello said that Council will pay for one set of uniforms. The Perkulators had originally asked for about $2,000 for new uniforms, which would cover sweatshirts. The participants would pay for their own shoes, at $65 a pair.

The Perkulators practice five hours per week; walk-on members practice at the beginning and auditions stay for the remainder of practice. They perform at home football and basketball games, as well as at other College events. There are 14 members and four alternates.

The Perkulators were invited to perform at the Citrus Bowl in Florida this year, but had to decline the offer because it cost $900 per girl and the organization could not bear those high costs. "And that's the real Citrus Bowl," Lehman said. "We're not bad."

"They're very impressed about the performances," Schubert commented on her colleagues and the students she has talked to. "I think they're impressed just with what they can do and the energy down there."

"They deserve uniforms – they put in the time," Lehman said. "We have to have uniforms; we have to look in synch."

Lehman said that the team was mistaken as a high school team because they did not have a uniform or t-shirts to identify themselves at a sports game.

In their budget, the Perkulators asked for $1,960 for uniforms and $200 as a stipend for their coach, Kelly Cameron, who is a dance teacher and professional dancer. She volunteers five hours each week, plus time to choreograph their routines. The Finance Committee cut the $200 because student council funds are not allowed to be used as honorariums for coaches.

But Lehman is not satisfied with this explanation. She said that other clubs get as much as $300 for speakers who appear once, while the Perkulators were denied $200 to pay for a professional dancer who coaches the team all year. "Other dancers don't have to fund raise to pay their coach," Lehman commented.

"If you're having a speaker come, the speaker is benefiting the entire Muhlenberg community. Whether you have it sponsored by our club or another one, that person is speaking to the entire students faculty and anyone else."

Coviello said that because the coach only helps the members of the Perkulators who auditioned, she is not helping the community.

"The girls have no problem with fundraising at all. Our spirit comes with our energy," Lehman said. "I just feel like there's a constant battle. It's our goal to be athletically funded and athletically recognized."

The Perkulators raise funds through football concessions and two dance parties every year.

Another topic of contention for the Perkulators has been their performances at football halftime games. Lehman said that she has asked Erber for time during halftime at football games.

"Every time, Coach Erber has arranged for high school bands to play," Lehman said. "My problem is that the high school bands don't use the whole time – we only asked for three minutes."

Erber did not allow the Perkulators to schedule performances during football halftime games.

"They'd like to do more, but sometimes they get squashed," Schubert said.

"We worked this hard; we'd like to keep going," Lehman said. "In the beginning, nobody was holding our hand – we did it all ourselves."

Bruce Gover Jr./**Business Briefing**

NASDAQ drops with Intel; Murdoch again gets takeover

Some of the highest interest rates in a decade have led numerous companies to report profit warnings this month. These warnings have scared investors and sparked this month's sell off. The Dow Jones fell .7% last week and is now 4% lower from the start of the month. The Nasdaq is also in trouble; it fell 10% in September. Last Friday it closed down .4% for the week.

The slide continued Monday as the Nasdaq dropped 62.54 points to 3741.22. After getting off to a fast start, the Dow also fell Monday 39.22 points to 10808.15.

On the New York Stock Exchange, 1,621 stocks fell compared to the 1,279 stocks that rose. Losers beat winners on the Nasdaq; 2,249 stocks fell compared to 1,787 with positive gains for Monday's sessions.

One of the biggest reasons for the Nasdaq's decline is Intel Corporation.

The giant chipmaker's stock tumbled last Friday after warnings that its third quarter revenue growth will be half what analysts expected.

The company is the world's largest supplier of PC microprocessors and has blamed weak demand in Europe for its recent troubles.

Intel's stock opened last Thursday morning at about $62 per share, only to lose nearly 21% of its value by Friday's close. Intel fell again Monday. The stock did well early, but the sell off continued later in the session and Intel fell two points to $45.38.

Once again, media heavyweight Rupert Murdoch is making headlines. Murdoch, the man in charge of News Corporation, is nearing a deal with the chairman of Liberty Media Group, John Malone.

The deal would give Malone a 20% interest in News Corporation. This is a 13% increase from the 7% of News Corporation's outstanding shares already owned by John Malone.

News Corporation, a company worth about $10 billion, is the owner of Fox Entertainment and the Los Angeles Dodgers. If the deal goes through, it would strengthen Rupert Murdoch's chances of acquiring Hughes Electronic Corporation, the fastest growing Satellite division of General Motors.

The transaction would require Malone to transfer his 21.5% stake in Gemstar-TV Guide International to News Corp.

This transfer of stock would heighten Murdoch's chances of acquiring Direct TV.

Rupert Murdoch wants Direct TV because it is a division of Hughes Electronics, the company he ultimately wants to acquire.

News Corporation already owns numerous satellite holdings in Asia, Latin America and Europe.

If News Corporation can acquire Hughes, this would offer a key opportunity to put satellite holdings in North America, the only hole in News Corporation's portfolio.

Campus Safety Notes

Compiled by Brian Talbott

Sept. 18 – Harassment - A student threatened another student by hanging a sign on a tree. That student has been referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 18 – Injured Student – A student was injured in a JV football game.

Sept. 18 – Information – There was possible use of marijuana in the ML fire lane. This has tested negative.

Sept. 19 – Sick Student – A student in Brown felt ill and passed out.

Sept. 19 – Sick Student – A student had an upset stomach, felt dizzy, and had fallen against the wall.

Sept. 19 – Simple Assault – Two students assaulted one another in Prosser Hall. They have been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 19 – Alcohol Violation - Students were caught with alcohol in Prosser Hall. They have been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 19 – Harassment – A student made terroristic threats to another student. That student has been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 20 – Alcohol Violation – Five students were caught with alcohol in Prosser Hall. They have been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 20 – Disturbance – A disturbance was reported in Prosser Hall. Two students were caught with alcohol. They have been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 20 – Fire Alarm – The fire alarm went off in the Delta Zeta house because of water in the smoke detector.

Sept. 20 – Vandalism – There is a swastika carved into a stall door in the C level men's room in the library.

Sept. 20 – Injured Student – A student cut himself in the basement of Prosser.

Sept. 20 – Vandalism – A window in the dance studio was broken.

Sept. 21 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm was set off in the elevator shaft of the Haas building.

Sept. 21 – Harassment by communications – A student reported harassment in East Hall. This is under investigation.

Sept. 21 – Theft – Yellow parking sticker #1112 was stolen off campus.

Sept. 21 – Harassment – A student felt harassed by an employee in Brown Hall.

Sept. 21 – Fire Alarm – Burnt food set off the fire alarm at the Phi Sigma Sigma house.

Sept. 21 – Acquaintance Rape – There was a Jane Doe report of an acquaintance rape in one of the residence halls.

Sept. 22 – Noise Complaint – There was a noise complaint for the MILE house at 2317 Chew St.

Sept. 22 – Information – Someone left a porcelain toilet by parent's plaza.

Sept. 22 – Harassment by Communications – Arthur Taylor received harassment by communications.

Sept. 22 – Assisting of an outside agency – Campus Safety assisted another agency by issuing a citation for careless driving on Chew St.

Sept. 23 – Vandalism – Someone broke a waterspout at the football stadium.

Sept. 23 – There was a fire alarm set off in the mailroom by burnt food coming from the homecoming barbecue behind Haas.

Sept. 23 – Sick Student – A student felt lightheaded in Seegers Union.

Sept. 23 – Harassment – An alumnus harassed President Taylor at the tent party.

Sept. 23 – Theft – There was an off campus theft at Ruby Tuesdays.

Sept. 24 – Noise Complaint – There was a noise complaint and disorderly conduct from students at 325 N. 22nd St. They have been referred to the Dean.

Sept. 24 – Assisting of an outside agency – There was vandalism on a non-Muhlenberg property. An alumnus smashed a window. The alumnus has paid restitution to the owner.

Sept. 24 – Vandalism – In Seegers Union the tables, chairs, trash and recyclable containers were all tipped upside down.

Sept. 24 –Vandalism– Soccer goals were pulled up and turned over.

Sept. 24 – Vandalism – Someone sprayed ketchup and mustard as well as wrote obscenities all over the football stadium.

Sept. 24 – Motor Vehicle Accident – There was an automobile accident on Prosser Drive.

Sept. 24 – Vandalism – The exit sign on the fourth floor of Taylor Hall was pulled down from the ceiling.

Sept. 24 – Injured Student – A student suffered a head injury on the football field.

Sept. 25 – Vandalism – The speed limit signs on Fraternity Drive had things written on them.

Sept. 25 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm was set off in the Henrietta House.

Sept. 25- Fire Safety Violation – There was a fire safety violation at the Henrietta House.

Sept. 25 – Theft – There was a theft from one of the locker rooms in the Life Sports Center.

Sept. 25 – Fire Alarm – A fire alarm went off in the Haas elevator shaft. This alarm is being investigated because it has gone off twice this week.

Around Campus

from College press releases

Germany and the East lecture

The German and Russian Studies programs of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures at the College are sponsoring a lecture entitled "Germany and the East: Ukraine and Russia from a German Perspective" by Dr. Ulrich Schweier, professor of Slavic Studies at the University of Munich. The lecture will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Seegers Union.

It is free and open to the public. Professor Schweier studied Slavic languages and English at the University of Konstanz in Germany where he earned his M.A. (1982) and Ph.D. (1987, summa cum laude).

He assumed the chair in Slavic Studies at the University of Munich in 1996. He specializes in phonetics and phonology of Slavic languages and is the author of numerous studies in Slavic languages and early literature, especially Russian, Ukrainian, and Bulgarian.

Breast cancer fundraiser

The Women's 5K Classic, presented by Keystone Savings Bank, is a walk/run for breast cancer. The date is Oct. 21. The walk starts at 9:45 a.m. and the run starts at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine. The event will be at the Little Lehigh Parkway in Allentown. Proceeds go to benefit the fight against breast cancer and other female cancers. Registration is Oct. 3 and Oct. 4.

FALL BREAK

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on October 6, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on October 10, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach
- Student Teachers

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay, there is a $15.00 per day charge.

A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by October 2, 2000. Approval letter will be sent out by October 4th with instructions for the break period. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

Kulans dust off old memories

Photos by Jeff Baird

Two players share a handshake after a 20-year hiatus. Below, Brian Marron pages through an old copy of Ciarla.

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6 coaching record. Neither his coaching career nor his tenure at Muhlenberg ended with that game; he coached women's lacrosse and volleyball and taught. He is officially retiring this year.

The team was able to overcome adversity; it had lost several highly regarded seniors to graduation. The local media dismissed it as being in a "rebuilding" year.

"There were some large question marks about who would step up and take their places," Marino commented on the seniors who graduated the year before. "But then again, I ove the role of the underdog."

"It really all just came together our senior year," said Rick Ashner, who never played on a losing team. "When we won that game [against Franklin and Marshall], that's when we knew we could really do something."

Marino nicknamed the team he "Kulans" at the beginning of he season after a special kind of mule from Mongolia.

As the team succeeded in winning several games in the ast few minutes (including one fter the clock read 0:00) in hrilling upsets, the Mules came o be known as the "Kardiac Kulans," after the heart-pounding finishes. He even had t-hirts made up that read: Kulans, Wild Asses of Mongolia."

"It means the game was ever over—even when the lock was at zero," said Gary Greb, . "I just remember the haracter of the team—we just efused to lose and the defense ept us in the game."

Marino is sure that the key o the 1980 team's success is hat everyone on the roster contributed in his own way. "Sure, we had elected captains," he ommented, "but we also had a ot of kids who took leadership oles that didn't have their ars."

And bars weren't the only hing some of those players idn't have. Many had little to o experience playing at a college level and others simply ere not expected to have the lent to succeed.

"There's always a certain mystique about good football eams in that nobody wants to ear about your lack of experience or lack of speed—if you ave to do it, you do it," Marino aid, adding that the team set ew goals for itself because it exemplified that mystique.

"Every game was very, very exciting," said Stephen Carnevale, a 1983 graduate. He said that Marino "just expected everyone to do their best and was very supportive throughout the ranks of the whole team."

"These guys had every confidence that no matter what the situation, they could win," Marino said. "I was the one who was worried."

On Saturday, the players, many seeing each other and their coach for the first time in twenty years, paged through the 1981 Ciarla and old clippings of the team, provided by a player whose mom saved all the press the team got.

They traded stories, caught up on families and kids, and made vague promises to keep in touch and to have a similar reunion more often.

Middle- and elementary-school aged kids scooted between the adults sharing stories. Some of the kids pointed amusedly to pictures of their parents in the yearbook.

Players took turns recounting lessons learned from their team, introducing family and, of course, poking fun at their coach's old expressions ("never embarrass the family" is one).

Marino was surprised at how many of his sayings the players remembered.

He was caught off guard on more than one occasion when players dusted off embarrassing, funny, or ironic statements—each carrying a new perspective after 20 years on the shelf.

"It's flattering to hear them repeated," Marino said with a cautious smile.

At the reunion, many were proud to say they married what they called "Muhlenberg girls." Others mentioned that they coached; one was actually an assistant dean of students here.

But though the men gathered in the Hoffman House on Saturday had lost a little hair, put on a few pounds, tended to children and wives and spoke of wide travels and lucrative businesses, Marino didn't see adults. "All I saw was 18 to 22-year old faces. It hasn't changed."

Corrections

Two articles, a news story on Sept. 7 and an editorial on Sept. 14, mistakenly listed the cost of the Walz renovations as $11 million. According to Mike Bruckner, Vice President for Public Relations, the cost was approximately $3.6 million.

A news article on Sept. 7 incorrectly identified Mule PAC as standing for "political action committee." PAC stands for "public affairs committee" in this case.

A news article last week listed the Department of Political Science as the sponsor of the Decision 2000 program. The Department of Communication is also sponsoring the project, with Dr. John Sullivan leading the department's sponsorship.

Knox talks about wine and economics

Just days ago, a member of the faculty was in Tubingen, discussing wine.

Dr. Trevor Knox, a new Assistant-professor of Accounting and Economics, delivered a lecture as part of the International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, held from Sept. 22 to Sept. 24.

The lecture, entitled "The Rise and Fall of Vinification Cooperatives: How Appellation Regimes Affect Corporate Fitness" focused on the effects of phylloxera, a crippling disease.

A longtime scholar of viticulture (the study of wine), Knox retains membership both in the ISNIE and the American Society for Enology and Viticulture. He was able to attend the lecture through the support of the College Administrative Office.

"The College is interested in seeing the faculty engage...what is good for their reputations is good for the College's overall reputation," said Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch.

Faculty research is supported by an annual allocation from the budget, which has recently been increased due to the demand for more internationally-based research.

"It's a problem I don't mind having," Dretsch continued. "Those who are enthusiastic in their area usually get support from the Administration."

Poag and Siegel go to trustees' meeting

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class size. There are roughly 390 seniors, while the freshman class is 583.

Poag, who has never worked with the Board of Trustees before, also seemed confident about working with Siegel. Describing her as a very good friend, he said, "Jodi and I have worked together on Student Council in the past...we make a really good team."

Poag's and Siegel's roles in the meeting are mainly to sit in on the student affairs committee and to give a student report. This will include a synopsis of life around campus, any issues or problems students have and possible ways to improve the quality of life. Such campus concerns discussed in the past include issues regarding new buildings, such as Moyer Hall, as well as the content of the curriculum. This year, however, Siegel foresees a discussion of the parking situation, as that seems to be at the forefront of student concern.

She also expressed the withdrawal of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity's recognition as an issue that might be brought up during the meeting. She praised the Muhlenberg Activities Council (MAC) for doing an excellent job, avoiding any major problems in student social life.

Noisy neighbors may be evicted

By Brian Talbott
Assistant Opinion Editor

In 1998, the City of Allentown passed Bill #50. This bill can have serious consequences for Muhlenberg students living in both MILE houses and off campus housing.

If three Disruptive Conduct reports are given to any tenant in a 12-month period, the landlord must begin the process to evict the tenant.

"Disruptive conduct means conduct or behavior by any occupant or visitor of a residential unit that is so loud; untimely (as to hour of the day); offensive; riotous; that otherwise disturbs other persons in their peaceful enjoyment of their premises; or causes damage to said premises, such that a report is made to a Police Officer and/or a Public Officer (Code Enforcement, Health, Recycling) [condensed from Bill 50]."

While this bill affects everyone in Allentown, it can really affect those students who live in MILE houses and in off campus housing. If the residents receive three noise disruptions or disorderly conducts, they have to be evicted, by law. The landlord has no choice. It isn't necessary that such incidences be a criminal offense or that criminal charges be filed, simply that the reports are filed.

Because of Bill #50, Campus Safety had decided to inform students when they see them in such activity where a report might be issued, to either take what they are doing inside or to cease this activity altogether. The students do not have to take heed of the advice; however, Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety, said it is in their best interest.

"What we're trying to do is to get info out to the student," said Lupole, "whether they live in campus housing or not, they need to be aware of Bill #50. If we stop and advise them that it would be in their best interest to take it inside, it is for their own sake."

Weekly life

Inside...
- Homecoming 2000
- Review of fall albums
- Film club review: *Shaft*

Been there, done that...

September 22, 2000
Dave Binder performed in the Red door. He played many Muhlenberg favorites, including "The Freshman."

September 23, 2000
The annual Homecoming dance was held on the Taylor mall in the tent.

September 26, 2000
Kathleen Hall Jamieson was the first speaker in the "Decision 2000" Series. She spoke about the media's influence on voting and political campaigns.

Coming up...

September 28, 2000
Nate Pickowicz will be holding his first concert of this year in the Recital Hall at 9:00 p.m.

September 29- Oct. 1, 2000
Gladiator will be shown in the Red door at 7 pm.

October 6 - 11, 2000
Fall break.

October 13, 2000
Scream will be shown in the Red door at 11 pm.

October 14, 2000
Walzfest will be held on Taylor mall from 2-7pm.

October 14-15, 2000
Members of the MTA will be participating in the annual "Marathon Theater" in Parent's plaza to benefit the 6th Street shelter. Performances will begin at 1 pm on Saturday and will continue every hour on the hour until 1 pm Sunday. Donations will be collected prior to and during the performances.

A Break in the Bubble...

Recently the Senate voted overwhelmingly to approve a plan to restore the Everglades and its ecosystem. The plan is worth $7.8 billion. The plan will revamp South Florida's water supply.

Dave Binder performs for homecoming crowd

By Angela Kessler
Weekly Staff Writer

With the Red Door decorated with balloons and signs at nine o'clock on Friday September 22, Dave Binder arrived for a homecoming performance. He combined a little humor, a lot of music, two tribute songs to the Class of 2004, and even a round of Happy Birthday.

His personal songs included "Open Your Heart," "Song for You and Me," "Forever Friends," and "Love is Where You Are." Other songs in his repertoire were "He Went To Paris" by Jimmy Buffet, the "Seven Drunken Nights" (an Irish folk song), James Taylor's "You've Got A Friend," the "Fast Food" song, "It's Summertime," and the "Green Alligator" song.

"I was skeptical at first when I saw the posters up, but he ended up being extremely talented and very funny," First year student Dan Engelberg said. The freshmen turned out in large numbers to see their first Dave Binder concert at the Red Door. Binder responded to these large numbers by playing a Freshman Rap for the Class of 2004, of which he said, "It [the rap song] can't be that good ... considering I'm from New Hampshire and I'm white." He followed that with his version of "The Freshman" by the Verve Pipe. Both were huge hits with freshmen, upperclassmen, and even the returning Alumni.

Dave Binder was the first act to ever play in the Red Door. Ever since then, he has returned every Valentine's Day and played a mixture of his own tunes, sing-a-longs, and other famous songs. At every performance he tries to involve the crowd in sing-a-longs.

Dave Binder performs in the Red Door on Friday night for homecoming.

At this show, he did just that. With songs like "Seven Drunken Nights," Binder got the entire crowd to participate. There were also hand motions to "Fast Food Song," "Green Alligator Song," and "Oh Lord Calvin Please Don't Touch Me." He also encouraged audience participation with a song inspired by his trip to Spain.

The students were supportive of Binder's music and look forward to hearing him again.

"I would like to see him return on Valentine's Day, so I can hear more of his songs and his humor," Melinda Matthews '04 said.

Tonight's show: "do or die"

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

If all goes to plan, it will be the best show ever. However, there is a slight possibility that Nate Pickowicz will "break down on stage crying" during tonight's concert in the recital hall.

"This show is a test of endurance," he said. "It's a do or die show... I've been sick since I've been back at school and I've been working hard on feeling better for the show."

Pickowicz plans on playing "a lot of older stuff" during tonight's show, along with 2 or 3 new songs and several cover songs. Though he didn't have much time to write new music this summer, he has reconnected with much of his old music.

Nate Pickowicz practices for his concert which will be held tonight at 9 p.m. in the Recital Hall.

"There's a lot of pressure on this concert," he said, "any time I do something public people feel that it's appropriate to make judgments and assume what they want." He expects that the audience will be made up of a large amount of people who have never seen him perform before. Pickowicz hopes to prove that he isn't "any kind of new phenomena," but rather a student who likes to play music.

"I try to humble myself," he said. "I'm a student here, I happen to perform, and people choose to come. If they didn't come, I'd continue to play music... I don't want people to think that I'm doing this for attention."

Pickowicz finds himself facing new expectations from the growing crowd of audience members who attend every show.

"The new thing is questions about a CD," he said. "I've been trying to raise money for seven years. It's just a really hard thing to do." Pickowicz's show will be at 9 pm tonight in the recital hall. Admission is free.

Women's 5k Classic to be held in Oct.

By Christine Moyer
Weekly Staff Writer

On October 21 at 9 am, women young and old will be meeting at Lehigh Parkway in Allentown for the Women's 5k Classic. This walk, sponsored by Keystone Savings Bank, is a plea for women to take a stand against breast cancer. "The 5k is going to locally benefit breast cancer and other female cancers," Juliet Kholi '01, a student helping to coordinate this event, said.

Cancer is feared by society predominantly because it is difficult to detect, and can strike any age group. However, rather than fear this disease many women are taking action. The Women's 5k Classic urges public education and involvement.

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It was a cold and rainy day...

Homecoming 2000-

(left) Lisa Ansorge '00 and Ruben Ortiz '00 passed the crowns to the new Homecoming King and Queen, Fawn Schoenberg '01 and Andy Kent '01.

(right) President Arthur Taylor enjoys the Homecoming parade.

(below) Awards were given to the MTA for the best float, the Perkulators for the best new float, and members of Phi Sigma Sigma for being the most spirited group.

Photos by Josh Lebson and Scott Swartz

'Berg to participate in breast cancer walk

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Muhlenberg will be participating in this walk. Registration for all Muhlenberg faculty, staff, students, friends and family will be October 3 and 4 in Seegers Union, from 11 am to 4 pm.

There is a $20 donation needed to participate in the 5k. This money will be used to fund extensive cancer research.

It is not simply a coincidence that Kholi has decided to help coordinate this event. She has been interested in fighting cancer for quite a long time.

"I became involved in this," explains Kholi, "because I saw too many people around me die from cancer."

Kholi hopes that people gain a deeper understanding of cancer through the 5k.

"I'm hoping," says Kholi, "that the 5k not only raises money to fund cancer research, but that women even ouside the Muhlenberg campus will come to understand what breast cancer is all about."

Only females are allowed to participate in the 5k. However, men still play a very important role in this event by donating money to the walk or by sponsoring a participant.

Participants in the 5k event receive complimentary souvenirs. For those who cannot find a ride on Oct. 21, vans will take participants to the Lehigh Parkway. The vans will be at Parents' Plaza at 8 am. Kholi hopes to get at least 100 participants for the 5k.

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Rosh Hashanah

Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. The Book of Life is opened and Jew's fates are written down in it, Jews ask G-d to forgive their sins. Tashlich is the prayer for forgiveness done on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. During Tashlich Jews throw bread into moving water to symbolize throwing away sins and asking for G-d's forgiveness.

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Thurs. 9/28 - America's Most Wanted Men
Fri. 9/29 - Steam Roller Picnic and Happy Fat Guy
Sat. 9/30 - Don't Call Me Francis and Slightly Ripe

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Film Club: Shaft's just mindless generic fun

TITLE: *Shaft*
THE PLAYERS: Samuel L. Jackson, Busta Rhymes, Jeffrey Wright, Vanessa Williams, Christian Bale
RATING: 3 stars
REVIEWER: Mike Lerman

In the movies, gratuitous violence abounds. There are explosions and fistfights galore. Ah, it must be summer. Twenty-nine years after Richard Roundtree starred in the blaxploitation epic *Shaft*, John Singleton and Samuel L. Jackson bring us John Shaft's same-named nephew.

Jackson's John Shaft is a hotheaded cop perpetually a hair away from being fired. The story kicks off with Shaft looking for the culprit in the murder of a young black man. Bartender Diane Palmieri (Toni Collette of *The Sixth Sense*) subtly tips Shaft towards the cocky Walter Wade, played by Christian Bale. After Shaft cuffs him, Wade taunts Shaft. Fast-forward a few months later and an arrogant Wade calls up the detective, telling him that he got off scot-free because of that very punch. Moreso, he intends to silence eye-witness Palmieri with the help of low-life local bad guy Peoples Hernandez (Jeffrey Wright). However, Palmieri has apparently done a good job of disappearing, so it's up to Shaft to find her before Wade gets his hands on her. To make matters worse, two dirty cops from Shaft's division are on Wade's payroll.

Let's face it, the only way to watch this movie is to sit back with an it-all-makes-sense-if-you-ignore-the-technicalities attitude. Singleton plays up Shaft's clever manipulation of his enemies, causing a particularly humorous dissention between Wade, Peoples, and the two crooked cops.

The only way to watch this movie is to sit back with an "it all makes sense if you ignore the technicalities" attitude.

Jackson plays the nineties version of the supercool hero with the same bravado he brought to *Pulp Fiction* and *The Long Kiss Goodnight*. Of the two villains, Christian Bale ("American Psycho") flawlessly plays lecherous aristocrat Wade, a sneering, stunning contrast to Jackson. Wright, as Peoples, doesn't come off so easy, hamming up the role of a greasy Hispanic to the point of self-mockery. Roundtree does get a scene or two as Uncle John, who always exits with two ladies on his arms, but sorry, fellas, that's as close to sex in this film as it gets, though "Shaft" is synonymous with sex these days. Ultimately, it's all given up for blood and guns. Some of the most violent (and therefore fun) scenes are completely non-sequitur, like when Shaft beats up a guy on the street because one of his lady friends says the guy is a bad influence on her son. It is cool to see Shaft doing what he does best, but it makes as much sense as having a five-minute scene of him just sleeping.

All in all, though, the movie is fulfilling. Not intellectually, of course, but on a Saturday night when your brain is turned off (if you say it isn't, you're a liar), *Shaft* is a great movie to see.

Samuel L. Jackson and Jeffrey Wright in a scene from Paramount's *Shaft* 2000. Shaft will be shown in the Red Door October 27-29.

A look at... pre-released fall albums

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Columnist

Just in time for the start of the holiday season, the music industry has a slew of new releases coming your way. One of the best things about all the new records slated for release is the amount of diversity. No matter which musical style you enjoy, there are always new things coming out.

One of the most highly anticipated releases is the new U2 record, *All That You Can't Leave Behind*. The album is set for release on Oct. 31, reuniting U2 with their Joshua Tree producers, Brian Eno and Daniel Lanois. With this record, rumor has it that U2 has returned to their early "new wave" sound. The first single, "Beautiful Day," does have the feel of early U2 , but one can't deny that there are newer electronic touches throughout. The press on the record states that U2 took their time in recording *All That You Can't Leave Behind* and I am sure this record will live up to all the hype. I also predict that the album will be a marriage between their recent electronic experimentation and their earlier sound.

Also coming out in October is the new Green Day record, *Warning*. The first single, "Minority," is classic Green Day. Billie Joe declares in his mock British snarl, "I want to be a minority!" The spirit and youthful energy of "Minority" is the Green Day that everyone loves: witty youthful lyrics matched with catchy melodies. Green Day has not totally gone back to their roots with *Warning*, though. The album is filled with acoustic guitars (on the beautiful "Macy's Day Parade") and oddball instruments like accordions (as witnessed on "Misery"), but *Warning* still has the youthful punk spirit that has been missing in Green Days records since *Dookie*.

Members of Green Day

Fans of hip-hop music have a lot to look forward to in the coming months. The Wu Tang Clan will release their follow up to their lukewarm double album, *Forever*, on Nov. 7. The disc is entitled *The W*, and the Wu hope to reclaim the throne as hip-hop's kings. Ever since their groundbreaking classic debut, *Enter The 36 Chambers*, Wu Tang has been over saturating hip-hop with mostly mediocre music. I have always loved the Wu and I feel that with *The W*, they will convert all the recent non-believers.

Also in hip-hop, Outkast are back with *Stankonia*, the follow up to the hugely successful *Aquemini*. With *Stankonia*, Outkast are incorporating new sounds into hip-hop. On the first single, "Bombs Over Baghdad," Dre and Big Boi rhyme over a futuristic drum and bass beat. Outkast also claim to incorporate more R & B touches into their sound, and they say that they've sped up the tempos

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AMC Tilghman 8

The Watcher
Fri.—4:30, 7:30, 10; Sat.—1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10; Sun.—1:30, 4:30, 7:30

Bait
Fri.—7:30; Sat.— 1:30, 7:30; Sun.—1:30, 7:30

Remember the Titans
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.—1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sun.—1:20, 4:20, 7:20

Urban Legend
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.—1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.—1:50, 4:50, 7:50

Scary Movie
Fri.—4:30, 10:10; Sat.-4:30, 10:10; Sun - 4:30

Bring it On
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sun.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10

Almost Famous
Fri—.4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sat.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sun.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Space Cowboys
Fri.—4, 7, 9:50; Sat.—1, 4, 7, 9:50; Sun.—1, 4, 7

What Lies Beneath
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 10; Sat.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10; Sun.—1:10, 4:10, 7:10

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Bait
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —1:20, 4, 6:50, 9:30 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Watcher
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Woman on Top
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 8, 10:10

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.—midnight

Bring it On
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:20, 5, 7:30, 10

Art of War
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:40, 4:30, 7, 9:35 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Cell
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Bless the Child
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Wayne's World
Fri. Sat. —midnight

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

3/21 – 4/19 Aries
You will have to make an important decision this week that will affect you and others on a long-term basis. Deliver bad news to others in a tasteful and truthful manner. Be caring to a loved one in need of some special attention. This person has been through a lot in the past few weeks.

4/20-5/20 Taurus
Mixing school work with pleasure is something you are an expert in doing. Remember, nothing succeeds like success, so dress the part. Your dreams will be informative and sometimes fun this week as you experience true dreaming, in color. A warning dream needs to be meditated on.

5/21-6/21 Gemini
Be socially aware of what is going on with your friends because you may miss out on a really great time. It's time to get your head out of the clouds. You will need a favor from someone, but be persuasive when you ask. Convince this person that the favor you ask of him/her is worthwhile and important.

6/22-7/22 Cancer
You will need to conjure up your imaginative and free-spirited side. Someone will ask you to do something very artistic and creative. Search deep inside yourself to find out just what it is that you want to express. Give up part of your soul to help others find out what the world means to them.

7/23-8/22 Leo
Tensions will rise at home while you are far away at college, so be diplomatic in solving family disputes. Hear all sides and do not blame. It is your responsibility to create a win-win situation since you are the only one who is not angry. Articulate your feelings. Do not hide what needs to be told.

8/23-9/22 Virgo
Be loyal to those you love. Don't let outside factors destroy your relationships. Too much of something is never healthy, so seek a balance between work and relaxation. Spend quality time with your special someone, or a close friend. Find a hobby that the two of you can enjoy doing together.

9/23-10/22 Libra
Don't let a friend discourage you about your romantic choices. Chances are good that this friend rains on your happiness because he/she is lonely. Introduce this person to someone charming and fun to be with and you will see a big difference. Your dreams this week should be a wonderful experience for you.

10/23-11/21 Scorpio
It may be hard for you to get motivated this week. Work on becoming more active. Sitting at a desk all day will not do your body any good. This will increase your stress level. Find time for enjoyment. Dare to do something different. Don't be afraid to be unlike everybody else.

11/22-12/21 Sagittarius
Be patient with others or there could be devastating consequences. You will need for them to have patience with you. Someone or something will be stressing you this week. Do not torture yourself by worrying about the little things. Look at the big picture, for happiness awaits you.

12/22-1/19 Capricorn
If you have been depressed lately, you need to go out and have a good time with someone that you haven't seen in a while. Set aside your gloom and look for humor. Accept those who are not like you. Just because they are different, it doesn't make them strange or wrong.

1/20-2/18 Aquarius
Return to the basics. Be devoted to your family. You have been spending so much time at school, that you tend to forget to make those important phone calls home. The ones who love you are the ones who really need you. Surprise them this week.

2/19-3/20 Pisces
That boring task that you have been putting off needs to be done. Take charge. The sooner your finish it, the sooner you can forget about it. A new person in your life will test your ability to be patient. This will be a very positive experience in that you will learn more about yourself.

Fall albums to be released

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on all the record's songs. With *Stankonia*, Outkast will definitely push the boundaries of hip-hop music and deliver an album that everybody will be able to bump to.

In R & B, Erykah Badu is set to release her follow-up to 1997's *Baduizm* with *Mama's Gun*. On this album, Badu used the same production team that worked with D'Angelo on his latest album, *Voodoo*. Badu recorded the album all over Dallas and New York. She says that the record has a mix of many different musical flavors and styles. The album is being released on October 31, and Badu, who has been out of the spotlight for too long, will return with a strong record. It will, no doubt, be heard repeatedly throughout the year.

Besides the aforementioned records you can expect new albums from: the Wallflowers, Limp Bizkit, Dave Matthews, Everclear, Marilyn Manson, the Spice Girls, the Backstreet Boys, Xzibit, Jennifer Lopez, Paul Simon, Barenaked Ladies, R. Kelly, and the Offspring.

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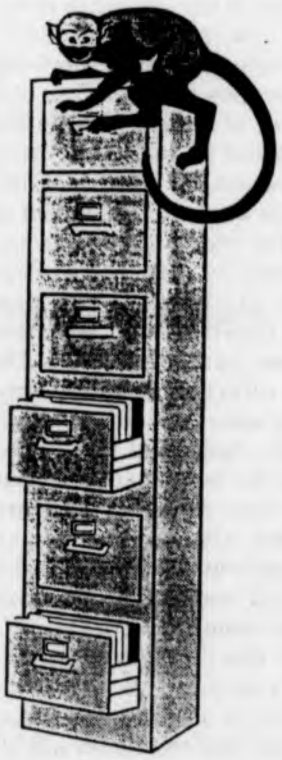

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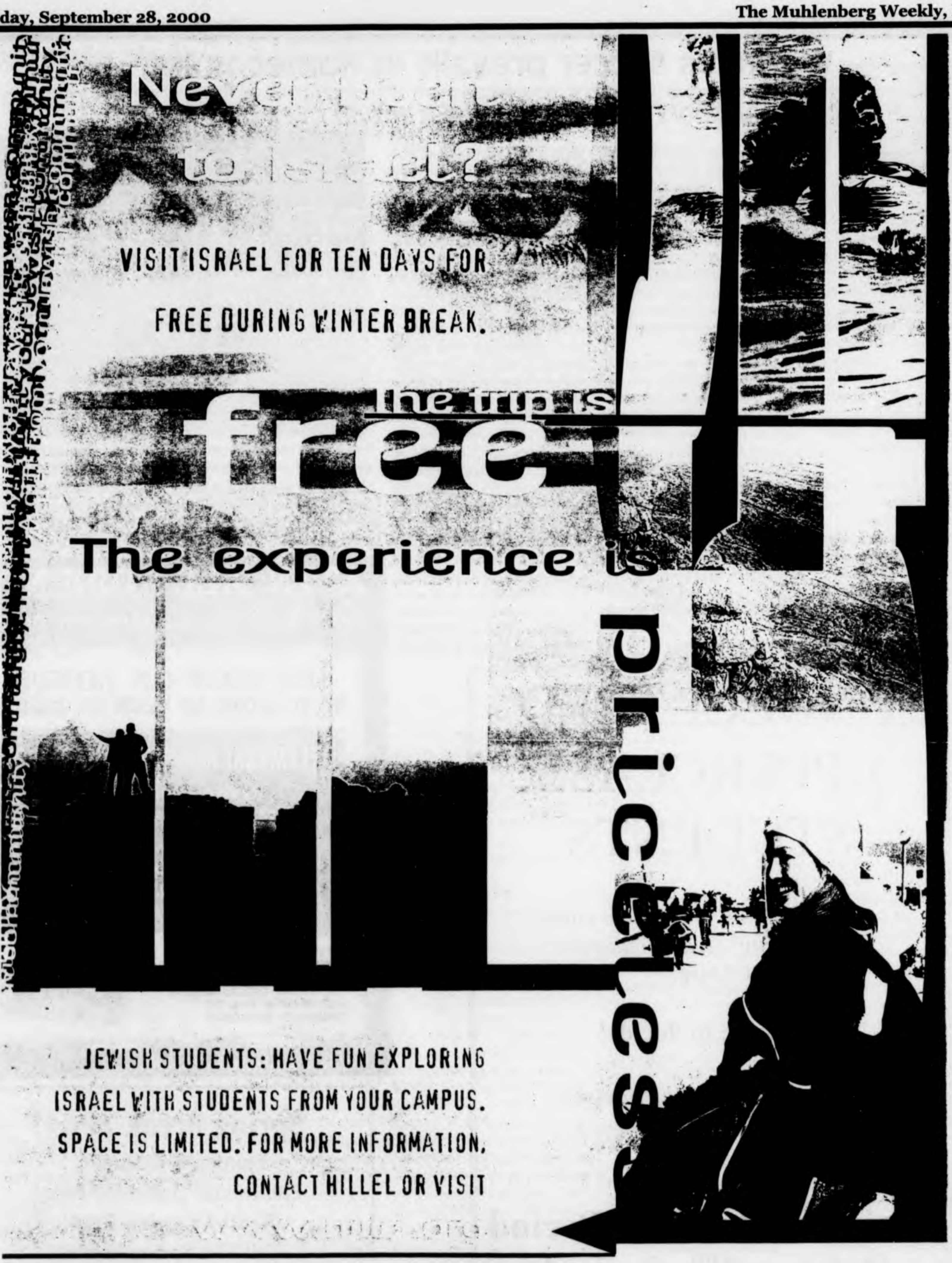
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Women's soccer prevails in Homecoming

Mules fall short to Moravian but triumph over Bryn Mawr

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

With the excitement of Homecoming in the air, the Muhlenberg women's soccer team swiftly defeated Centennial Conference rival Bryn Mawr 3-0 on Saturday. The victory marked the ninth straight Conference win for the Lady Mules, who improved their conference record to an unblemished 3-0. The offense was led by senior captain Alissa Desiderio, who put the Mules on the board only 3:45 into the game when her shot was blasted past Bryn Mawr goalie Nelle Bauer. Ten minutes later, freshman scoring sensation Dawn Iberer scored on a pass from senior Nancy Grove to double the Mules lead. Following halftime, Alissa Desiderio struck yet again at 45:40 with an assist credited to Dawn Iberer. The goal was Desiderio's second of the game and effectively put the contest out of reach, one in which the 'Berg dominated every facet of the match, including their eighteen total shots. Defensively, the Mules played perfectly, not allowing Bryn Mawr to register a single shot on goal while being credited with their second straight Centennial Conference shutout.

Unfortunately the victory did not carry over to Sunday as the Mules fell to Moravian in a non-conference match up by the score of 1-0. Moravian scored at the 75:00 mark when Jackie Buschta capitalized on a pass from Lindsey Forman, thereby snapping Muhlenberg's four game winning streak. While the Mules failed to score on all twelve of their shots, they had appeared to have scored a goal early in the second half, however it was disallowed on an offsides call. The defense remained strong, and Muhlenberg goalie Denae Bordeaux was credited with six saves. The Mules overall record now stands at 6-2-1.

Despite the loss, the Mules must ride the crest of their undefeated Centennial Conference record in Thursday's match against conference rival Gettysburg College. Both teams stand atop the Centennial Conference with undefeated records, and the winner of the contest will be in prime position for the run at the conference title. The Mules also have a key home match up against Washington (MD) on Saturday. The team hopes to get the continued offensive production from freshman forward Dawn Iberer. In her last three games, Iberer has scored five goals and has been credited with twelve points. Her efforts were rewarded last week when she was named the Centennial Conference Player of the Week. Defensively, the team hopes to continue the streak of conference shutouts, for the Mules have not been scored upon in the last 208:00 minutes of conference play. If the team continues to play as well as of late, the Lady Mules will be in the thick of the title hunt as the season goes on.

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The Mules had reason to celebrate after defeating Bryn Mawr 3-0 in Conference play on Saturday.

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Profile of a Mule

Forward Ben Long named 'Player of the Week'

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor

For Ben Long, soccer has been a very important part of life since his early years. He began playing every Saturday morning in his town's little league. Because his parents considered football to be "too rough" of a sport for Long, they decided that he should give soccer a try and see how things worked out. Fortunately, he had a natural proclivity for the game and worked diligently throughout all of his early years to become the commendable player that he is today.

During the summer before eighth grade, when Long was in middle school, he traveled to Europe on a tour of England, Denmark, Austria, Germany and Hungary.

His team went through a program called "Stars and Stripes" in which they had a well-rounded combination of soccer playing and site seeing. It was a very valuable experience for Long and proved an enjoyable time that has left him with a lot of memories.

Throughout high school, Long excelled on his school's soccer team, located just outside of Columbus, Ohio.

As a forward, he started on the varsity team his sophomore, junior, and senior years.

In his junior year, he was named third team All-State and first team in the region.

In his senior year he was honored with first team All-State and All Mid-East Region Team. That year he was also captain, Player of the Year in the Conference, and Regional Player of the Year.

His club team coach introduced him to Muhlenberg College after hearing excellent praise about head coach Jeff Tipping. Long visited the College and stayed with the team's goalkeeper who graduated last year. After the recruiting trip, he decided that he would love to attend school here.

Last year, Long's skill in soccer allowed him to excel for the Mules. He was the second-leading scorer with seven goals and two assists for the team. Long again traveled to Europe with the team and once again had a great time.

In his free time, Long enjoys other sports such as basketball, which he played in high school and was captain of the team his senior year. He is also a huge Dave Matthews fan and attended two of their concerts in Ohio this summer along with a variety of other concerts. He worked as a tennis instructor this summer in his hometown.

At Muhlenberg, he finds himself very busy with sports as well as academics. He is Pre-Med with a Biology major.

Here, Long has proved his capabilities as both an athlete and a student.

His continued perseverance and optimism will be reflected well on the Muhlenberg soccer team as well as on Long as an individual.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Ben Long set up both goals in the Mules' win over Gettysburg.

No Holz Barred

Carter competes convincingly

By Jared Holz
Business Manager

I was introduced to his competitiveness during the first semester, two years ago. The contest revolved around a Playstation game. He was his New York Jets. Myself, the New England Patriots. Overconfident and with a smirk on his face, he paced into my room with one thing on his mind, to embarrass me.

When the game was over, he tossed the controller on the ground, shook my hand and left the room in astonishment. Josh Carter is not used to losing--although it was a video game that held little relevance in either of our lives, the overzealousness turned into respect and reality.

I have not been to every football game in my history here. This season, I have seen clips of both home contests, the home opener and the homecoming bout Saturday.

I came late to the first game, around the second quarter, but surely before the first half came to a conclusion. I casually asked who had tallied for Muhlenberg. When the response was Joshua Carter, I was not surprised. In fact, he had already scored twice, and he would make his way into the end zone again before Kings Point got thoroughly dethroned by the Mules.

Last weekend, I also attended the game and was once again not punctual. The score was already 17-0. Carter had scored once already. Go figure. Less than five minutes later, Mike McCabe lofted a 43-yard spiral to Carter in stride, and the wide-receiver dashed for another six. The extra-point would make the score 24-0, and it was still the first half.

Carter would go on to score two more times that day, setting a school record with four touchdown receptions in one game. Though his proudest moment could have come at the half, when he didn't even need to break any tackles or fake out any defensive backs. Standing at the 50 yard line, with his parents by his side to accept athlete of the year was more inspiring, and well-deserving.

Carter's prowess as a receiver simply compliments his other attributes. In two full seasons and three games into the current schedule, Carter holds the school record for most all-purpose yards.

His ability to return punts and kicks is as impressive as his slants and go-routes of which McCabe caters to. In fact, Carter is such a threat as a return man, that teams would rather kick the ball out of bounds, subjecting themselves to a hefty penalty, than allow Carter to handle the ball. The likelihood of a touchdown is worth the 40 yard-line starting point for the Mules offense.

One can argue that Carter is the best player in Division III. Through three games, he has scored eight times, returned the most punts, has one of the highest averages on the returns with 14 and is a threat every time he touches the ball. In the Centennial Conference, Carter is the leader is punt returns, return yards per game, all- purpose yards per game and scoring.

Barring injury, by the season's end, Carter will once again be an All-American, making the pre-season poll a reality and others spitting up the dust behind his turf shoes.

Numbers, though, don't even do Carter justice. Looking at statistics is a superfluous habit when dealing with the most exciting player in school history, maybe in conference history, perhaps even in Division III history. It is not clear exactly how many records he will break before his graduation, but his accomplishments in two years would be an honorable career for most athletes at this level.

Carter is listed at 5'7", 145 lbs. A few more inches and he would be on his way to the NFL, no doubt. Gatorade commercials with slogans such as "I want to be like Josh" would surely be on the television screen and the Air Carters would be Nike's new product line. I am not sure if "Josh Carter Football" will be the next video game hit, but nothing would give me greater satisfaction than to beat Carter at his own game.

Field hockey ready to win another battle

By Emily Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

Last week, the Mules' field hockey team smothered Gettysburg, a perpetual powerhouse in the Conference. Senior forward Kelly Gower scored a hat trick, and earned Player of the Week honors and 30 career goals. The defense blocked the Bullets' ammunition, leaving them scoreless until the final fifteen minutes of the game. 'Berg's win set many a precedent—they have not beat the co-Conference champions since 1993, and not scored against them since '94.

The Mules' head coach Kristen Stuckel spent the last three years as a graduate assistant for the field hockey team at her alma mater of Gettysburg, who won the Conference championship all three of those seasons. Led by Stuckel, the Mules proved to their long-time rival that they could indeed surpass them in skill and ability. "The girls played textbook field hockey in that game," said team manager Ainsley Lamberton. The team took away Gettysburg's big ball, hit and run game by using small passes and playing aggressively, from the goalie to the front line.

This bullet-proof defense did not fare well in the away game against Washington in Maryland this Saturday. Both teams went scoreless in the first half, but the second half was no less than brutal, with high-sticking calls, injuries, and yellow and red cards given out due to muddy field conditions.

Defense leader senior captain Carol Caine was hit on the head with the ball, and taken out of the game for a majority of playtime. Washington scored three goals in the second half, leaving the score 3-0. They face William Paterson today, usually a tough team to beat. But with their loss to Washington, they are now ready to win.

Football's Homecoming victory

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Mules to their first shutout at home since 1987.

This week, the Mules travel to Western Maryland to face their first real challenge of the season against the eighteenth ranked team in the nation for Division III. "This is one of our biggest games of the season, and we have to be ready to play our best. We should do very well if we come to play as well as we have," said Muroki.

Last year, the Mules lost to Western Maryland at home 21-14. The two-time defending Centennial Conference champion Green Terror scored two touchdowns in the final 3:12 to steal a win in the battle of league unbeatens. This loss ended the Mules' 7-game winning streak.

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Sports

September 28, 2000

Mules post their first shutout since 1987

Carter leads team to victory with a record four touchdowns

By Michael Billet and Joseph Trentacoste
Asst. Sports Editor & Managing Editor

A homecoming crowd of over 3,000 packed Scotty Wood Stadium this Saturday to watch the Mules battle their longtime rival, the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats. On this rainy day, fans expecting to see a close, competitive game were instead treated to a dazzling display of the McCabe-Carter duo and a 45-0 shutout. Junior Joshua Carter stunned the Diplomats' defense as he grabbed four touchdown passes from McCabe of 40, 34, 34 and 69 yards. Carter also broke his own record for all-purpose yards in a game with 344.

"We didn't expect to beat them by so much," admitted team co-captain Mwaura Muroki. "We came out and did the right thing, and beat up on them," he said.

Muroki and the defense eliminated the F&M rushing attack, leaving them with –11 yards total for the day. "This game was a real team effort. McCabe and Carter can't do what they do without help all the way around," he said.

Senior DE Dave Jones solidified the defensive line with an amazing performance. He had five tackles, four for losses, two and a half sacks, and a forced fumble that he recovered.

Sophomore kicker Chris Reed contributed to this team effort with a near-perfect game, nailing a 38-yard field goal and putting an extra point on the board for each attempt.

Senior quarterback McCabe completed 12 of 16 attempts for 227 yards and four touchdowns, all to Carter. The 12 completions tied McCabe for the school record of 383, currently held by Chris Elser ('86-'88). McCabe is expected to exceed the record by the end of this season—possibly in the next game.

All-American Carter struck quickly, scoring his first touchdown after just 3:18 in the first quarter on a 40-yard reception. The next possession led to Reed's field goal. After both teams turned over the ball twice, Carter set up the offense just past midfield on a 13-yard punt return. Three plays later, he made the score 17-0 with another amazing touchdown catch.

Franklin and Marshall would punt twice more in the half, with Carter on the receiving end. He ended up with 8 returns for 108 yards. It was the punt that placed the Mules on their own 18 that would preface Carter's long TD of the day.

After three straight runs by Wolfsohn, on first and ten from their 31-yard line, McCabe hit Carter for 69 yards and 6 points once again. The next series found Wolfsohn barreling across the goal line on a twelve-yard run for his only touchdown of the day. That would end the scoring for the half, and the Mules went into the locker room up 31-0.

After another Carter end zone celebration left the Mules leading in the third quarter by the score of 38-0, head coach Mike Donnelly decided to retire McCabe with 6:41 left. This prevented him from achieving any personal records, but gave Sophomore Justin Jones the opportunity to put the icing on the cake. He completed four passes for 57 yards to three different receivers, including the final touchdown of the game to Junior Wes Spence.

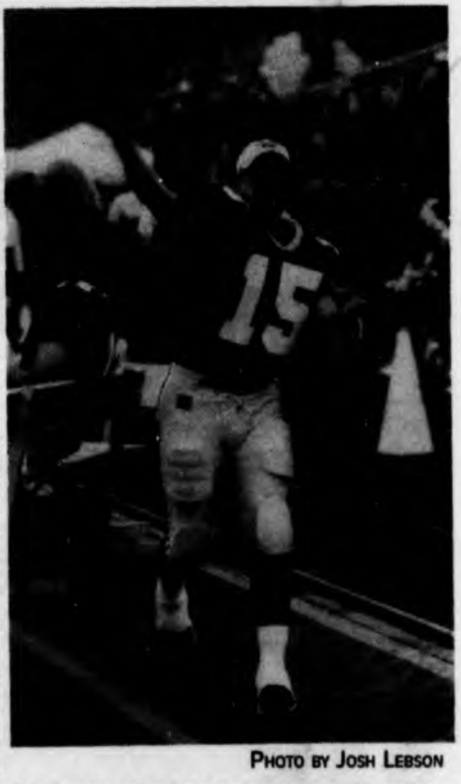
Photo by Josh Lebson
QB Justin Jones threw for a TD after relieving Mike McCabe on Saturday.

Sophomore Anthony Wolfsohn complimented the McCabe-Carter show as he rushed for 107 yards on 15 carries and scored one touchdown. The Mules' defense complimented the high-octane offense as they gave up only 59 yards, had eight sacks and forced three turnovers. The defense led the

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Men's soccer tied for first place in the conference

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor

The men's soccer team upheld its commendable reputation this season against the Gettysburg Bullets on Saturday. They came into the game with a series record of 22-15-5 lead against the Bullets and were looking to add another win. The team's overall determination proved successful when the Mules walked away with a 2-1 win.

Ben Long, who was named Conference Player of the Week by the Centennial Conference, started off the Mules' enthusiasm late in the first half. The ball from midfield was sent over the top to Long. As he ran onto it, he cut back toward the center of the field and placed a shot just wide of the diving keeper.

Still in the first half with 2:25 left on the clock, Long sent a ball into the middle for Kevin Welding. It was struck off the volley by Welding, beating the keeper to his left, and gave the Mules a 1-0 lead going into halftime.

In the second half, with 32:40 remaining, Long received a ball just inside the midfield line. He proceeded to dribble uncontested into the penalty area, dodging the goalie but positioning himself at an unsuitable angle for a shot on goal. Long sent in a cross on the ground which was knocked in by the diving keeper trying to recover. This set the score at 2-0.

However, the Bullets did not walk away empty-handed. With approximately two minutes to go, a Gettysburg player struck the ball from the top of the penalty area, which brushed against the left goal post and went in. This finished up the game with a final score of 2-1, Mules.

Long commented on both his and his team's performances noting, "I think it's great to get honors but it pales in comparison to beating Gettysburg. I think the team is playing great and we look to continue our winning streak against Johns Hopkins this Saturday." His teammate, Quentin McDowell, also gave the team praise when he stated, "We played very intense and we just wanted to win more than they did." Senior midfielder Dave Paxson contributed greatly to the Mules' success this week as well. He too was named Player of the Week in the Centennial Conference.

The Mules look ahead to this Saturday's game against Johns Hopkins away at Baltimore. So far this season the Mules' record is 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the Conference. They are tied for first place in the Conference with Johns Hopkins and Haverford, both of whom they will be playing this week. The team is very optimistic about its future. "We are playing very strong. We have a really deep team this year with a lot of good substitutes. I think our second line is just as good as our first. At the Gettysburg game we played very intense and we just wanted to win more than they did. We will play with the same intensity in our upcoming games," said sophomore forward Kevin Welding.

The next home game for the men's soccer team will be against Elizabethtown at 7p.m. next Wednesday. The Last time these teams met, the Mules lost 2-1 in overtime.

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Sterner details drunk driving accident that killed 3 friends

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

Mark Sterner delivered a frightening presentation Tuesday to students gathered in Moyer Auditorium.

The presentation was part of Choice Week activities and was sponsored by the AEPi Foundation, the Chaplain, the Counseling Center, the Dean's Office, the Development Office, IFC, PanHel, the President's Office and Public Relations.

The presentation was given by Mark Sterner, a former Johnson & Wales University student, who killed three of his close friends when he lost control of his car and crashed.

The cause was alcohol. What was left was a grossly twisted piece of metal and two of the five friends.

It all began as a great time; Mark and his friends took off from Rhode Island to sunny San Annabel on their Spring Break senior year.

The five fraternity brothers were excited to begin a long

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Fall break may be changed to accommodate football games

By Michael Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

The football team defeated Swarthmore 31 to 14 on Oct. 7. Very few students got to see that victory because it was the weekend of fall break and most had gone home; in fact, campus housing had closed almost 24 hours before game time.

This presents a quandary for the football team: one game is a fifth of its home schedule; virtually no students were able to attend the game over fall break. What's more, the team will have the same problem next year and the year after.

Next year, fall break and a home football game are scheduled during the same weekend again.

However, the situation was re-examined, taking into account the academic calendar and the Centennial Conference football schedule. Both are projected five years in advance.

"Muhlenberg College puts out its Academic Calendar before the other schools in the Lehigh County Area so that they

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Photo by Jeff Baird

The Moyer building, across from Prosser on Chew St., was demolished last week. Administrators said the house was in disrepair and needed to be torn down to make room for the entrance to the new dorm buildings.

Council blocks MCTV from broadcasting its meetings

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Student Council sparred Thursday and eventually voted to rescind its invitation for MCTV, the College's television station run entirely by Communication students, to broadcast the meetings.

MCTV originally started broadcasting Student Council meetings in September, after Council voted for a trial period with the cameras. The station broadcast three meetings and one debate.

Opponents of the cameras, led by Steven Soroka, a representative for the sophomore class, argued that there would be grandstanding for the cameras and that the broadcasts might discourage people from voting against popular opinion.

He said that "once MCTV establishes itself more," he might be in favor of having the cameras back.

Supporters of the cameras, led by Josh Brookstein, Recording Secretary, argued that the cameras would be a way for the student body to connect with Council.

"It's our job to vote the way we think and we should be able to do that in front of a crowd," Brookstein said.

After the original vote to invite MCTV, the debate resurfaced Sept. 28, a week before the elected freshmen would first attend meetings. Some argued forcefully that the cameras would be intimidating to freshman, who wouldn't speak up or would just vote with the crowd.

Elias Saratovsky, Vice President of the Student Body, dismissed this charge during the

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Teenagers arrested in cemetery after assault

Housekeeper hit with BB gun; 3 apprehended

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Three teenagers, aged 14 to 18, were arrested by Allentown Police Thursday night after assaulting a College housekeeper on his way to work. The arrests took place in the cemetery at 20th and Chew Sts.

At approximately 11 p.m., a student called the Department of Campus Safety to report three suspicious people walking on Chew St. near the campus.

After the call was made, the three individuals approached Howard Loch, a College housekeeper on his way to work, and demanded his possessions. When Loch refused, one of the suspects struck him on the head with a BB gun.

One suspect said, "Shoot him;" the other told Loch not to run.

Loch ran 30 feet to an emergency call box and the suspects fled.

Four Campus Safety officials

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Wood rearranges with Marketplace theme

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

Photo by Jeff Baird

One of the stations serving Mexican wraps.

As the school year unfolded, thus began another year away from the luxuries of Mom's cooking and another year of eating in the Garden Room.

However, as the students flocked to the Garden Room in September, some were surprised to find a that the Garden Room had undergone something of a transformation, though the basic structure is the same. New food stations serve a wider variety of food than before.

According to Dan Edwards, the Director of Student Restaurant Operations, the Marketplace theme is a new approach to campus dining--and a new attitude. Edwards feels that by focusing on the freshness, value and variety of the food, more students will come away satisfied.

Wood eliminated less popular items and kept the favorites, like chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and chicken patties. They then split the facility into 11 different theme stations: the grill, sandwiches, pizza, Mediterranean, hometown, bakery, southwest, pacific rim, top hits and salads.

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Inside

Masone dies at 65

Tony Masone, a plant operations manager, died Thursday at Lehigh Valley Hospital. Page 5.

Freshmen elect officers

Freshmen elect class officers and representatives with a record voter turnout. Page 5.

Marathon of theatrics

25 students performed and facilitated different adaptations of the same show every hour for 25 shows from 1 p.m. Saturday to 1 p.m. Sunday. Page 5.

Field hockey wins in OT

The Mules defeated Haverford 2-1 in an overtime thriller Thursday.

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Trustees should carve future with students in mind

The College's Board of Trustees will conduct its semi-annual meeting this week. This semester will prove to be a turning point in College history; in many respects, the decisions that the Board makes this week will affect the direction of the College for years to come. The Board should take this opportunity to carve out a very directed future for the College - and that should be a future of which we can all be proud and a future that is in keeping with the values we, as students in 2000, hold.

For one thing, every last member of the Board of Trustees should give a stern warning to College President Arthur Taylor and to Dean of Admission Christopher Hooker-Haring that the current ballooning enrollment rate is not to be continued. If administrators think that the College can provide the benefits and atmosphere of a small, liberal-arts college and at the same time accommodate university - sized enrollment, then they are sorely mistaken. Muhlenberg is a good college - an excellent college, we daresay-but it would be a lousy university.

We, as students, welcome Taylor's $55 million plan. But we don't welcome constant construction; we don't welcome our lawns to be built upon; and we most certainly don't welcome university-sized expansion.

We trust that Taylor and the Board will do with that $55 million that which is in our interest as academic students and as well-rounded individuals.

The Board should also offer a gentle reminder to Taylor and Hooker-Haring that the College, its students and its programs can speak for themselves. The droves of high-school seniors and juniors that attend open houses and take tours prove that. Taylor and Hooker-Haring should not lose confidence in their students as the competition for admission increases-more specifically, the College should allow its students and its programs, rather than publicity campaigns, to do the talking.

Further, the Board should emphasize to Taylor and Hooker-Haring that while talents in sports are a contributing factor to a well-rounded applicant, they are not to be aggressively sought as they are in Division I schools. Sports are a very strong part of student life, but the atheletes we have are here on intellectual merits and the promise of making a serious contribution to many facets of college life. The College should not allow success in sports to become a determining factor in admission. Recruitment should be kept in check and ability in sports should be given no more consideration than ability in a comparable extracurricular activity. The College does not need the best football team to be the best college.

For their part, both Taylor and Hooker-Haring have handled recent admission puzzles well. Hooker-Haring told Student Council last month that he will monitor interest carefully when deciding how many applicants to admit under early- and regular-decision. The enrollment problem will not be fixed this year-but enrollment numbers should show an improvement over last year. The administration should also continue to signal that it does not want to expand beyond 2,000 students.

The Board should also understand that the campus is not obsessed with Greek life, but as students, we are concerned that the College may overstep its bounds and infringe upon the character of the College to solve some problems.

The Weekly is not prepared to sustain nor object to the College's decision to withdraw recognition from Alpha Tau Omega. But it is admittedly concerned that the College may, in the future, extend its powers beyond where they should be. It is true that nearly everyone has professed that the College does not intend to become a dry campus, nor does it intend to radically reform the Greek system. But the Board of Trustees should make it clear that a reversal of this policy would not be acceptable. Additionally, student representatives Jodi Siegel and Andrew Poag should represent the students vocally and assertively. The Board of Trustees should make the right decisions this semester and should weigh student concerns with other factors.

The Board must realize that this is a turning point in history and must act accordingly. We want to remain a good College and are comfortable with not being a university.

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Reader response/Letters to the Editor

Friends don't let friends vote Nader

To the Editor:

I would like to write a response to the letters that have been written about the political parties here in the U.S. by Dustin Stein. I will grant him the fact that the parties are not perfect, but I assure you that Ralph Nader is not the answer. We need less government in our lives, not more, and Nader would just bring the government into our living room instead of our backyard.

I would like to first say a few things about the anti-corporation sentiments that Dustin has been writing about. The corporation is not a bad thing...everything is a corporation, from the Green Giant to the company that makes your clothes and your car to Newman's Own. The reason they become corporations is in order to protect themselves legally and for certain tax reasons, but there are only a few states that truly help out corporations with looser tax codes (Delaware being the big one). Nader doesn't need to rely on money coming from somewhere else because he has money in the stock market to live off of, yet how much does he give to charity each year? How much taxpayer's money does he waste each time he takes someone to the Supreme Court in order to "protect the common man"? And where does that money come from in the stock market? That would be all those corporations that Dustin and Nader dislike, making their money off of the sweat and hard work of the blue collar worker and common citizen that Nader is trying to protect.

Another stance that discourages me is Nader's strategy on finance reform. Why shouldn't I be allowed to give $1 million to a candidate if I want to? It is my money. The problem today is that all money donated isn't always on the books. People should be allowed to give however much they want to whoever they want, no matter the party. Just show in the books where it all comes from, then we can determine who is influencing who. It is our money, and it is bad enough now how much the government controls where and what we can do with our money. If I wanted to give $1 million to the Red Cross, would Nader say, "No, sorry...you can't do that. Only $2000 is allowed. No more than that." I don't think he would. So, why is it that I am not allowed to put my money into another organization that I feel is right, be it political or not?

As for free trade, why is Nader against NAFTA? He feels that jobs are leaving America? Well, he supports helping the "peasant" in those small, third world countries, but he is against NAFTA? He makes the claim that the borders are getting worse and worse, but this is not due to NAFTA. This is due to environmental conditions in Mexico that have caused the poor Mexican farmer to leave his dried up farm and come to America. And as for inflation in Mexico, that is where the IMF and World Bank regulations come into effect. The reason for inflation is because there are more jobs in Mexico, resulting in higher employ-

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Why no attention?

To The Editor:

On October 2, 2000 at 7 p.m. in the Egner Memorial Chapel at Muhlenberg College, approximately 100 students, professors, and community members gathered to commemorate the birth of Mahatama Gandhi. Muhlenberg's first Nonviolence Day Rally, as it is entitled, served a special purpose in that it united six student run organizations on campus as well as the Office of Multicultural Life, Dean Shiner Wilson and the Chaplain for the common goal of bringing the community together and promoting the awareness of nonviolence as a means to live one's life. For weeks, students and advisors worked together to meticulously organize the event. Students painstakingly publicized to all LVAIC schools, nearby churches, temples, synagogues, Allentown's Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A., community libraries; practiced singing and Punjabi folk dancing; prepared readings involving the topic of nonviolence to the environment, to the world, and to oneself; raised funds to hire a keynote speaker; and prepared dinner for the keynote speaker and for others involved. Unfortunately, such student efforts are overlooked at Muhlenberg

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Queer view mirror

Michael Lerman
Weekly Guest Columnist

You don't need a public service announcement during the MTV Music Video Awards to realize that one of the most frequent and probably the most severe insults in the modern era is "gay." Most children don't even know what it means, yet this word represents something wholly disgusting to them, and is often reserved for objects of their contempt. Hell, even college students use the word derisively and haphazardly. In a little more than a month, I've heard plenty of derogatory uses for "gay." Classes, exercises, even some heavy metal music, by one student, were deemed gay! So it seems the word "gay" is actually a homonym of itself. You have to catch the context to see whether it's referring to homosexuals or towards something entirely undesirable, and many people don't realize there's a difference. This is where groups like the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation step in and preach about how children must be conditioned to exclude that word as an insult because of its serious meaning.

At any rate, I am gay, and I'm comfortable with that enough to write this column. So far, I have only told three people, and they seemed okay with it. This is probably because they knew I wasn't going to wave a rainbow flag in their faces or flaunt my sexuality by performing ritual drag revues. I am a Boy George fan, but that's as far into the so-called 'subculture' as I go. I'm just living my life, like everybody else, so why should anyone feel apprehensive?

The most interesting experience I've had involving my sexuality was one time when I was talking to my roommate, whom I came out to. He was talking about one of his classes, and he said, "It was so gay," then quickly caught himself and apologized. To me this was hardly uncommon. Most of the friends that I came out to back home had been using the word because they watched too much South Park. They, too, try to catch themselves before saying it around me.

I don't think that students who use the word as an insult are really as viciously homophobic as they may seem objectively. It's merely a case of saying something without thinking about what it means. I decided to come to Muhlenberg largely because I didn't think I would be persecuted at a school like this. Thus far, I haven't been disappointed. I think highly enough of everyone here that I don't foresee any future discrimination problems based on my sexuality. I honestly believe that the students here are good enough people to accept someone, regardless of their sexuality, race, or religion. Just think before you speak. Big Brother is watching.

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Say no to Nader

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ment, and resulting in more money being circulated throughout an economy which hasn't had much money circulation for over 30 years.

Nader also doesn't understand that it is not the short-term gain that comes from International Free Trade policies like those of NAFTA, but the long-term gains that will help the world. Short-term losses will occur, but long term gains are worth the immediate loss. Countries must adapt to immediate technological and economic advances. A smooth transition does not come overnight. Again though, who would take the jobs that Nader proposes are lost? Unemployment is at an all time low today. At one point our unemployment was below 4% (3.8%). Four percent unemployment is considered full employment. That 4% is explained by frictional employment (transitional unemployment as people look for and change jobs). So who would take these jobs? There are people who are put out of work, but if Nader believes in the Free Market Trade system that you say you support, then the most efficient worker for the cost of production will receive the job.

This is where the unionization Nader supports comes into play. It is the unions that run up prices and cause strikes to occur because they feel they are not getting paid enough. Unions had their place once in bringing about good economic and worker rights change, but their time is done. During the 1960s Canada and the U.S. had similar labor markets and similar union practices, yet in the 1970s these similarities shifted to more unionization in Canada and less in the U.S. Through inflation and wage rate changes, Canada's wage rate increased by over 30% more than the United States'. This has caused more unemployment in Canada then in the U.S. Companies could not afford to pay the unionized workers any longer in Canada, and causing more unemployment. And because of Canada's generous unemployment benefits, more would rather stay on unemployment than get off. Unionization for the "peasants" is not the way to go. It will only cause more unemployment (causing higher taxes), higher wages (causing more jobs to leave America) and more problems. We have seen the strength of unions hurt an economy with the recent strikes performed by unions in Europe because of gas problems. Those who were willing to read this argument against Nader I thank you. Don't waste your vote on Nader. Whether you are a Democrat or Republican or of another party, make a vote for someone that can make a difference. I do agree with Dustin on this point: it is your vote that puts politicians into office and not your money.

Ben Taylor '01

Rally not given proper notice

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College, for the College's own paper, The Weekly, refused to cover the story, responding that by the time the next issue was printed, there would be other events to be published. The Morning Call, invited to attend, wrote that David Dellinger, the keynote speaker, "railed against Mohandas Gandhi." David Dellinger is a non-violent activist, teacher, writer and editor for the past 60 years and was a defendant in the Chicago Seven conspiracy trial in 1969-1970. Although Mr. Dellinger was asked to speak on "Practicing Revolutionary Nonviolence in a Violent World," he surprisingly devoted his talk to both Mahatama Gandhi and Martin Luther King's weaknesses- ultimately trying to explain that these great men strove past their carnal pleasures in order work for a higher good, one of peace, love, and justice. Mr. Dellinger's speech, unorganized and seemingly misleading and lacking in direction, ended before he was able to fully explain the purpose of his talk; therefore, he left many listeners confused, angered, and disappointed. Whether or not Mr. Dellinger's claims to the personal life of these men were true, should not take away from that fact Gandhi and King were visionary leaders who empowered their followers through intelligence and human kindness. They both freed an entire population of oppressed individuals by nonviolent means from countries intolerant in nature.

We would like to sincerely thank all who attended and who helped put together the Nonviolence Day Rally and to apologize to any who were offended. Although the Rally was dampened by Mr. Dellinger's words on Gandhi and King, the night was not a failure, for the genuine passion and effort that the students displayed made the night memorable and a great learning experience for next year. As Mahatama Gandhi once said, "Nonviolence knows no defeat. It must be true nonviolence, not a make belief."

Karen Nguyen '02 and
Ronnie Arora '03

News value, not ignorance

Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

The Weekly received a press release from Karen Nguyen '02, President of the Asian Student Association, announcing the Nonviolence Day Rally she and Ronnie Arora '03 discuss in their Letter to the Editor. As soon as The Weekly received the information, we passed it along to a capable reporter to write a preview of the event. This would typically include interviews with the students and an investigation of the event plans to inform the student body and Muhlenberg community about the event.

The reporter called the press contact, and it was assumed that the writer of the press release would be ready to provide answers to the reporter's questions. But the contact did not have adequate information and admitted to such. By distributing a press release, you put yourself in the position of being a media relations liaison. If you are incapable of fulfilling the role, then cooperation between the source and news organization is difficult. Because of deadlines and a two-week break from publishing the newspaper due to the Academic Calendar, it would have been untimely and not newsworthy to include an article in this issue of The Weekly 17 days after the event occurred, no matter what kind of event it was.

Yes, nonviolence is important, and awareness of this issue is even more important. We do not deny that; in fact we welcome Letters to the Editor like the ones we have published this week; yet we did not "overlook" the event held on campus. The Weekly publishes stories that are at the forefront of student and school concern and that arguably have news value. Unfortunately, this all relies on the number of column inches that we have available.

The Morning Call, the local professional paper printed everyday, covered the event and said that keynote speaker David Dellinger "railed against Mohandas Gandhi." In Nguyen and Arora's letter, they expressed concern with this sentiment—but this is an opinion The Call writer is entitled to. In further research by The Weekly in receipt of the Letter to the Editor, we discovered that students indeed agreed with the "railing" claim, because Dellinger did not dedicate his speech to advocating nonviolence. Instead, according to an active member of Amnesty International, a group that sponsored the event, "Dellinger's lesson on Mohandas Gandhi was about as informational as a history lesson from Grandpa Simpson."

On paper, Dellinger sounds like an exemplary civil rights advocate, and was active in an important historical transitional period. Students used the words "incoherent" and "disconnected" when describing the impact of his speech—especially about homophobia. The efforts of those involved in the Nonviolence Day Rally should not be ignored; however we should make sure that the message being conveyed is what student groups are investing in; and moreover, a coherent message of positivity and a commitment to the betterment of humanity.

Emily E. Pannebaker is The Weekly Editor-in-Chief

Weekly Discourse: Assisted Suicide

No one's decision to make or humane treatment?

Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Bernat
Guest Opinion Columnist

As an anthropologist, I am inclined to examine the issue of assisted suicide (and thus euthanasia) from a cross-cultural perspective. So I will draw data from the Tiwi aborigines, the Inuit, and Americans to show that the issues of assisted suicide and euthanasia cannot always be cast against the ethnocentric morality of Westerners.

Among the Tiwi, whose ancestors have inhabited the islands north of Australia for over 30,000 years, the ceremony of "covering up" is practiced as a form of geronticide (elder killing). When an individual grows old and infirm, incapable of social contribution, s/he may go willingly to be buried alive face down in the sand; with the belief that if intermediary spirits intend her/him to live, then s/he will be lifted from the grave by them. The elder is not preconceived as condemned – her/his body is not associated with the pukimani taboos governing the ritual handling of the dying, for example.

The Inuit (anthropologists shy away from the derogatory 'Eskimo' – a neighboring Algonquian slur which literally translates to "raw meat-eater") hold to the traditional belief that the deceased spend eternity in the physical condition in which they die, thereby observing a supernatural need for the killing of the infirm. Often a father will request that a son actively put him out of his misery of advanced age; or he might request to be left behind when the group migrates, to die of exposure or a "good death" at the teeth of wolves. Imagine the Inuit horror at the American infatuation with the prolongation of life – to them, the nursing home is little more than elder abuse, condemning our seniors to spend eternity with arthritis and senility.

Whether the reasons for terminating life originate with the laws of the supernatural or in accordance with social necessity, the intent of the actions is to end life in conformity with cultural laws that define local reality. Neither of these examples should be subject to the moral judgements of Westerners, who have had the historical luxury of colonial moral judgement, and affluent economies which easily facilitate prolonged life.

Two forms of assisted suicide are recognizable in the US – passive (or "letting the patient die") and active (the outright injection of medical agents that terminate life). But whether a feeding tube is removed from a child with multiple defects at birth (legal under certain circumstances in the US), or lethal drugs are directly injected into an ALS patient (currently illegal in the US), the intention is to end life. And so the moral acceptability of one method (passive) over another (active) is both irrational and logically fallacious.

It doesn't matter whether the technique used is "covering up", exposure, the removal of a feeding tube, or the injection of lethal drugs. At issue is not the morality of the means, but of the ends. If we accept the individual's right to die, and I for one do, then the means to that end make no difference. When my time comes, just cover me up.

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Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: The Crisis in the Middle East

Does Israel need an ally in the U.S.?
Is Israel's statehood legitimate?
Stay out of the conflict entirely?

Those interested in contributing e-mail Dave at dsobotki@muhlenberg.edu

Brian Talbott
Assistant Opinion Editor

Assisted suicide, or euthanasia, is a controversial subject in this country. Proponents say that it is inhumane and cruel to allow a terminally ill or permanently disabled person to continue to suffer from severe depression and extreme physical pain when it is possible to mercifully end his or her life with some dignity. However, I would argue that human life is far too often taken for granted. No one has the right to place a value on human life or decide when a human is to die.

From a Biblical standpoint, euthanasia is as wrong as can be. The Bible clearly states in the Ten Commandments "Thou shalt not kill." This means that it is wrong for anyone to kill a person, including themselves. Life is God-given and is only to be taken away by God. For humans to think that it is okay to take away a life, whether it be our own or someone else's, is a sin. A value cannot be placed on human life. To commit suicide is to miss out on the greatest thing there is, life. Humans have an innate desire for self preservation, like every single other creature that God created. Assisted suicide goes 100 percent against this desire. Christianity is not the only religion that holds human life in this high regard.

From a moral standpoint, how is it possible for assisted suicide to be at all logical? Suicide is a very selfish act. It puts your needs above everyone else's. The death of a loved one hurts people for a long time. Their loss often cannot even be expressed with words. People don't often realize the burden they place on others. Do they really need to put this burden on their loved one's shoulders? Life is very precious. To throw it away is foolish. To be able to spend time with loved ones and family before it is your time is a great treasure. We are on this earth for such a short time as it is. Why cut that time any more than you have to?

Assisted suicide according to law needs to be a decision that is made by a mentally competent person who made that decision completely on their own. The bill is far too open to abuse. A person that is terminally ill is very likely to feel depressed. If they feel that no one loves them or wants to keep them around then they would be much more likely to opt for assisted suicide. Depression is a very treatable disease. Why should people choose to end their lives because of they have a treatable depression. Many family members may wish that family member to die simply to end their own pain, to get their inheritance sooner, to get rid of someone they just hate, etc. It's so easy for people to "influence" those patients opt for assisted suicide. Families can influence doctors to assist those who are mentally ill, saying that they simply aren't able to express the pain they are living with. When people begin to decide when others should die, where do you draw the line?

When assisted suicide is legalized it jeapordizes the medical care that is given patients. It becomes a very easy alternative to aggresive and skillfull treatment. This worsens the plight of the dying. A patient might very well have a disease that kills a lot of people, but with the right treatment they might still be saved. I don't mean to generalize here, but many doctors would often rather be at home with their families, playing golf, or whatever, then be doing their job. Surgery is just that to them, a job. Treatment can involve a lot of their time and effort. If the patient has only a 5 percent chance of survival, why not just have the patient commit suicide to avoid a lot of hassle. Assisted suicide hurts people a lot more than those few who thought it might help.

Assisted suicide is perhaps the insurance companies' greatest dream come true. If one of their clients were to contract a particularly deadly disease, why should they have to pay for the client's treatment if they're just going to die? An insurance company is in the business of making money. It makes much more economic sense to inform their client that their disease is going to cause them a lot of pain and suffering, that it would be in their best interest to commit suicide. We don't need to give insurance companies a big incentive to worsen their already bad reputation.

To kill someone is intrinsically wrong. Who ever gave us the right to decide when it is time to die? How is it possible that people can honestly think that assisted suicide is going to help people? It lowers the docter's desire to help the patient, it lowers the insurance company's desire to help the patient. Assisted suicide is dead wrong.

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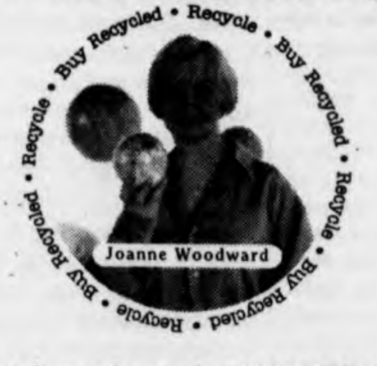

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Officer aids in apprehension of suspects

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were on duty that night: Sgts. Shari Glass and Brenda Lakis; Lts. Thomas Dougherty and Jim Fritts.

Sgts. Glass and Lakis followed a van they suspected to be involved in the incident; Lts. Dougherty and Fritts continued to patrol the area. Over the radio, Fritts and Dougherty were informed that the girl who originally called mentioned that the suspects may have come from the cemetery.

Fritts said that he was dropped off at the cemetery to investigate. He saw the three suspects jumping over a fence and hiding in the cemetery near the white building.

"At that point, I just walked up to them, handcuffed two of them together and detained the other one," Fritts said.

Fritts could not make the arrest because he did not have positive identification; he called for help and kept the suspects in an "investigative detention."

When Allentown police officers arrived, the suspects were identified by Loch and were arrested by A.P.D.

Four city cases were closed after the suspects confessed to other crimes, the Department of Campus Safety reported.

Two of the suspects are juveniles (aged 14 and 16) and their names were not released by police or the Department of Campus Safety. The 18-year-old man is Michael Santos, of 918 Cedar St. in Allentown.

25 stage a marathon of theatrics

Raise funds for local charities

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Marathon Theater performed 25 shows in a little more than 24 hours; here, performers are in their fourth show.

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

Twenty-four hours might have meant six hours of sleep, a few at a fraternity party, a baseball playoff game on television or some time studying for midterm exams. But 24 hours Saturday meant 25 hourly performances for the 17 student performers and eight facilitators in Marathon Theater.

The group performed its 15-minute skits every hour from 1:00 p.m. Saturday until 1:00 p.m. Sunday and in the process raised over $1,000 to benefit Casa Guadelupe, a charity that benefits Allentown kids of Latin descent, and the Sixth Street Homeless Shelter. Passers-by were encouraged to pledge money as the day and night wore on.

At 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, the group had raised $750; that number rose to $1,050 at 11 a.m. Sunday. By Tuesday, the total was $1,217. The group will accept donations for a few more weeks.

The performances were each based on the same script but were interpreted differently each time. Two people performed at a time, with occasional participation from the other performers and, according to T.J. O'Connell, the coordinator, the facilitators "randomly [threw] ourselves in there at various points."

At the first Muhlenberg Theater Association (MTA) meeting, the participants signed up. They practiced in pairs until last week, when the group held three days of rehearsals together before the performance on Saturday and Sunday.

"We took scenes out of the original script that were very loose" and worked on different interpretations, said O'Connell. "You'll never see the same scene twice—that's the beauty of the show."

Indeed, some of the performances were quite different from others. The 2 a.m. show, for example, was based on drinking and drugs and drew about 50 spectators.

"There is no drinking in Marathon Theater," Frank Vain, a facilitator, joked ahead of time. That show was one of the most popular, as some watched on the way home from parties.

At 3 a.m., they did their sex interpretation—a "very very wild" show according to Natalee Bourassa, a performer.

The crew stays in parents' plaza and the immediate area—except for quick runs to their rooms—and for the most part does not sleep.

But at 11 a.m. the next morning, the only sleep anyone got was 20-minute naps now and then.

The idea for Marathon Theater belongs to Angelica Pina-Perez, a 2000 graduate, who started the program last year. The crew decided to use the same script this year, though found different ways to perform it.

"We thought we exhausted every idea [last year]," O'Connell said. "But they're continually impressing us with new ideas."

Natalie, hoarse at 11 a.m. "'cause of all the screaming and yelling and cheering," said that they had "very faithful audience members" throughout the night. Some stayed for just one performance; others watched as many as 22.

Football schedule may conflict with fall break

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can adjust to our calendar," said Dean of Faculty Curtis Drestch. For academic reasons, students at the College are cross-registered at other area schools, so it creates a problem if one school has a different schedule from others.

While this is an important reason, there are others. The Yom Kippur and Columbus Day are usually midpoints in the semester. The College prefers the short recess to occur over Yom Kippur. This year, Yom Kippur and Columbus Day were on the same day, so it was the ideal choice.

"This accommodates a large percentage of the students attending our College," Drestch said.

But if Yom Kippur is not near a break—as will happen in 2001—then Columbus Day is used as the measuring factor for Fall Break. The academic calendar was not originally slated to have fall break during the Columbus Day weekend.

However, this was moved to accommodate the cross-registered students (other Lehigh Valley colleges and universities had their fall breaks that week) and the football team's home schedule. Now the football team will be playing at home while the students are in school and on the road during Fall Break. This will help keep the average attendance at 3,110 per home football game, a number that was significantly down at the game against Swarthmore.

The athletic office is attempting to work with the Centennial Conference to change the schedule over the next two seasons because home games are scheduled during the break. The Centennial Conference determines the home-away schedule for all teams in the Conference.

Athletic Director Stephen Erber said, "it is inappropriate to suggest that there is a conflict between the Academic Calendar and the football schedule. These are not viewed as separate entities. There has been very good cooperation between both departments. As members of the Centennial Conference we cannot dictate our own schedule."

Erber was pleased that all parties succeeded in resolving the academic and football schedule for 2001.

Because so many variables are involved in determining the Academic Calendar and the Athletic Department is held to the decisions of the Centennial Conference, both departments have their hands tied in the next two years.

In 2002, the Lehigh Valley schools have set Columbus Day as the weekend of the fall break. It is the same weekend as a home football game.

This would have an adverse effect on cross-registered students. Given a choice for 2002, Dean Drestch said he "would prefer to have the fall break weekend on Yom Kippur rather than Columbus Day weekend because it affects more students in our college."

But this would also conflict with a home football game.

"The Academic needs of students are out top priorities; however the College...[tries] very hard to adjust to other priorities."

Erber said he hopes that the Centennial Conference will make adjustments to our schedule so all the variables can be met.

Council Corner

Compiled by Seth Williams

Council voted to discontinue taped coverage of meetings by MCTV pending further discussions on the matter. Other happenings at the meeting involved a discussion about parking.

With a report that Campus Safety will become stricter on parking violations in the near future, Council discussed possible parking options.

Also, Jodi Siegel and Andrew Poag will attend the Board of Trustees Meetings this week to serve as the Student Body's representatives to the Board of Trustees. In class business, the Senior class is hard at work on the Silent Auction to be held during Parents' Weekend. The freshmen are planning numerous activities for their class.

As always, Student Council meetings are open to everyone. All Muhlenberg students and staff are invited to join Student Council each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. in the conference room on the third floor of the Haas College Center.

OFF CAMPUS

Greensboro, N.C.—A jury found that Duke University is liable for over $2 million for not allowing Heather Sue Mercer to play football when she was a student. Lawyers for Mercer argued that because Duke charged Mercer $120,000 for tuition, she should be given a "total refund" because she was barred from playing football. The former Duke football coach said of her kicking: "She didn't have the ability. That was apparent to the people that had seen her kick." The jury concluded that there had been sex discrimination; that Duke officials were aware of the problems; and that the University acted with indifference to these discrimination problems.

University of Montana—George Marshall Sherwood was apprehended last week after spending 12 days on the run. In eluding the authorities, Sherwood twice jumped out of his dorm window. He was arraigned on charges of resisting arrest and possession of controlled substances, among other charges.

Allentown, Pa.—Kimberly Silva, 27, was sentenced to four years' probation this week for keeping her house in disrepair. According to The Morning Call, the house was covered in animal excrement and was infested with cockroaches and fleas. Silva, who has six children, claimed that she could not manage her home because she could not bear the extra responsibility of watching her friend's two dogs.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 65	High 68	High 64
Low 45	Low 40	Low 40

Tony Masone, plant operations manager, dies of cancer at 65

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Tony Masone, the plant operations manager who engineered the oft-cited recycling program at the College, died of cancer Oct. 11 at Lehigh Valley Hospital. He was 65.

Masone's influence reached across the spectrum of campus operations, as he was in charge of the housekeeping staff, of faculty and residence work orders, and coordinated extracurricular events like homecoming for the department of plant operations.

His greatest contribution was the implementation of a College-wide recycling project that was lauded by the city of Allentown and was modeled by other colleges and universities.

As part of this project, Masone, who lived in Wescosville, designed the white recycling boxes located in offices and academic buildings. This innovation was a cost-cutting and effective way to deal with recycling, saving the College money it would have had to spend on professional recycling services.

The program was implemented well before the state-mandated deadline in the early 1990s and was cited by the City as a model for inexpensive and effective processing of recycling.

"That's directly due to Tony's work," said Mike Brewer, director of plant operations and Masone's supervisor. Masone's work, Brewer said, took "innovative steps" to realize student and faculty goals at an efficient cost.

Masone's day-to-day duties involved processing work orders, scheduling preventative maintenance work (like changing filters), directly supervising the housekeepers, and serving as a contact for student organizations that held events requiring the assistance of the plant operations department.

He served as "the interface with groups like EnAct, taking a look at what they wanted to do," Brewer said.

An Army veteran, Masone was "a very upbeat person" and was described by coworkers last week as "our dear friend Tony."

Masone attended The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena in Allentown. He enjoyed golf in his spare time.

Masone lived approximately one month after having been diagnosed with cancer. He died at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11 after being admitted that morning. When he died, his wife and children were at his bedside.

Freshmen elect class officers with high turnout

By Justin Deutsch and Lauren Lopchinsky
Weekly Staff Writers

The freshman class elected its class officers Oct. 3, with a voter turnout of over 80 percent, an unexpectedly high number. The schoolwide turnout was around 30 percent, a typical number.

For the freshman class, six representative spots were open, as well as President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Six candidates ran for President, six for Vice president, six for Treasurer, seven for Secretary and 23 for Representative, creating a competitive race. [There was one sophomore seat open for which there were two candidates; Brian Bentzen won.]

Only freshmen were eligible to vote for their class officers; representative seats were open to the entire student body.

The overall voter participation was "about right" for voter turnout in school-wide elections, but "not as high as it should be," said senior Elias Saratovsky, Vice President of the student body.

Over 600 students came voted in total, accounting for over 30 percent of the student population. This is an increase over the last student council election in April 2000 when only a quarter voted.

In the freshman election, 401 of 582 freshmen voted. Saratovsky said the turnout "shows the dedication of the freshman class and how much they care about what goes on around here."

Sartovsky feels that "it's evident that they are dedicated; they enjoy being involved."

"We're going to hold freshman forums, which will give the freshman class the opportunity to meet its representatives and officers," said Freshman Nickolay Pandoursky, Vice President of his class.

He added that the class officers are trying to hold a semi-formal dance this year and a hayride sometime this semester. The first forum was held Thursday, Oct. 12.

Elected: President, Tyler Holmberg; Vice President, Nickolay Pandoursky; Treasurer, Michael Saratovsky; Secretary, Catina Crismale; Representative, Mathew Wolfson, Andy Winkler, Meredith Hanson.

Bruce Gover Jr./Business Briefing

Markets shaky over world turmoil and high oil prices

Heightened concerns about revenue growth sent U.S. stocks into turmoil last week. Experts believe that the roller coaster ride Wall Street has been experiencing may get worse this week as earnings season kicks into full gear.

Forty-eight companies are due to report their third quarter earnings; some of those companies are Intel, IBM, Philip Morris, Merck and Coca-Cola.

The escalating violence in the Middle East has sent crude oil prices to their highest levels in ten years.

Investors worry that these rising oil prices will significantly cut into corporate profits. A war might tighten consumer spending and, as a result, stress the global economy.

After a terrible week, the Dow Jones and Nasdaq rallied last Friday and sent stock prices soaring. The Nasdaq surged nearly 8% to 3316 while the Dow rose 1.6% to 10192. However they are still off almost 20% and 11.4% for the year respectively.

Alan Greenspan and the Federal Reserve still have two meetings to go this year; investors will anxiously await their decision although no change in interest rates in expected.

On Monday the Nasdaq fell 26.49 points to 3290.28. Although the Nasdaq was in and out of positive territory throughout Monday, renewed concerns about Intel's upcoming earnings report caused it to fall.

However, the Dow Jones moved higher as investors continued the momentum from last Friday. The Dow finished up 46.62 to 10238.80 behind gains from Wal-Mart, Hewlett-Packard and IBM.

In merger news, Chevron Corp., the third-largest U.S. oil company, has reportedly agreed to acquire its rival Texaco in a $35 billion in stock plus the assumption of debt. Each company's board approved the deal, creating the world's fourth-largest oil interest.

Texaco has been said to be an attractive takeover company because of its thinning stock price. Those close to the deal report Chevron is offered to swap .77 of its shares for each outstanding share of Texaco. If these figures are correct Chevron is valuing Texaco's shares at about $64.87 about 18% above its closing price on Friday.

This is the second time in as many years that these powerhouses have met in talks. However, the negotiations came to an abrupt halt last year when Texaco rejected Chevron proposal due to its risk, price and complexity.

These two companies have a long-standing relationship; the two have co-owned Caltex Corp. for 63 years. Caltex Corp. operates about 13 petroleum refineries and sells gasoline to 8,000 service stations in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Both companies fear that because this merger is so large, it may draw significant attention from federal antitrust regulators.

After the deal is finalized, the two oil giants will co-own some 12,000 service stations in the U.S. alone, not to mention it would employ 55,000 workers worldwide and would have revenues exceeding $66 billion.

Campus Safety Notes

Compiled by Brian Talbott

Sept. 25 - Sick student - A student in Prosser Hall suffered an upset stomach and nausea.

Sept. 26 - Fire Alarm - 432 Albright St.; shower steam.

Sept. 26 - Fire Alarm - Walz Hall due to shower steam.

Sept. 28 - Fire Alarm - Burnt pancakes at 2442 Tilghman St.

Setp. 28 - Hit and Run - Reported in the Benfer lot.

Sept. 28 - Vandalism to vehicle - A smashed rear window was reported at 23rd and Gordon.

Sept. 29 - Theft - Bottled soda was stolen from a cart on the football field.

Sept. 29 - Theft - A bicycle seat was stolen from a bicycle outside Trexler Library.

Sept. 29. - Fire Safety Violation - Benfer, due to an over plugged electrical strip.

Sept. 30 - Alcohol Violation - A student was found with alcohol in Prosser and referred to the Dean of Students.

Sept. 30 - Alcohol Violation - A student found with alcohol in Walz was referred to the Dean.

Oct. 1 - Vandalism - The top screen of a screen door was ripped at 323 N. 22nd St.

Oct. 1 - Noise Complaint - Taylor Hall, the student was referred to the Dean.

Oct. 1 - Vandalism - Damage was reported to the rear driver side door of a car in the back faculty lot. The car was also keyed and vomit was found on the windshield.

Oct. 1 - Hit and Run - A hit and run was reported in the Hillside House lot.

Oct. 2 - Theft - Folding tables were stolen from the East Lawn.

Oct. 2 - Injured visitor - A vistor tripped on the stairs of the College Center.

Oct. 2 - Vandalism - The plexiglass of a bulletin board was smashed in Prosser Hall.

Oct. 2 - Fire Alarm - 432 Albright St. due to roasted pumpkin seeds.

Oct. 2 - Fire - 26th St. parking lot due to the burning of a campaign poster.

Oct. 2 - Sick student - A student suffered chest pains in Benfer Hall.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm - Shower steam at 2141 Chew St.

Oct. 3 - Fire Alarm - 2317 Liberty St. due to cooking.

Oct. 3 - Lost key - A key was lost in the College Center.

Oct. 3 - Alcohol - Students at 2143 Chew St. were reported to have a keg and tap in their possession and were reported to the Dean.

Oct. 4 - Injured Student - Leg injury off campus.

Oct. 4 - Harassment - A student at N. 23rd St. reported that an ex-boyfriend was harassing her.

Oct. 5 - Drug Possession - A student from MacGregor possessed marijuana and has been referred to the Dean.

Oct. 5 - Theft - A key and an American Express card were stolen from MacGregor.

Oct. 5 - Fraud - An alcohol violation was reported and a fake ID was found. The student has been referred to the Dean.

Oct. 5 - Sick student - A student suffered back and leg injuries at 2143 Chew St.

Oct. 5 - Harassment - A student reported harassment by an ex-friend via the computer and the telephone.

Oct. 5 - Injured student - A student reported a nose injury at the LSC.

Oct. 5 - Trashing - The 2nd floor of Prosser Hall reported vomit all over the hallway and stalls of the bathroom.

Oct. 6 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off at Delta Zeta due to a water leak.

Oct. 6 - Theft - 35 bricks were stolen from Parents Plaza.

Oct. 6 - Theft - Seegers Union reported that a four to five foot grill and several tables were stolen from Wood Food Service.

Oct. 6 - Fire Safety Violation - An offensive weapon was found in East Hall. Burning candles, a fencing sword and an inscense holder were found and the student was referred to the Dean.

Oct. 6 - Alcohol Violation - A drinking funnel was found and confiscated from a student in Seegers Union. A referral to the Dean has been made.

Oct. 6 - Controlled Substance - Four students from East Hall were referred to the Dean after being found with alcohol, drug paraphenalia, an offensive weapon and a controlled substance.

Oct. 7 - Fire Alarm - 428 Albright due to steam from the shower.

Oct.7 - Sick student - A dizzy visitor was reported on the football field.

Oct. 7 - Fire Safety Violation - A number of violations were reported at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house

Oct.9 - Fire Alarm - Steam from a shower at Millerheim.

Oct. 10 - Fire Alarm - Cooking set off a fire alarm at 428 Albright St.

Oct. 11 - Investigation - A marijuana smell was detected in East Hall - nothing was found.

Oct. 12 - Sick student - A student suffered from chest pains at 321 B. 22nd St.

Oct. 12 - Information - Damage in MacGregor.

Oct. 12 - Attempted robbery - One man was arrested for attempted robbery. Two juveniles, non students, were taken to the Allentown P.D.

Oct. 13 - Alcohol Violation - Brian Johnson was arrested for underage drinking off campus.

Oct. 13 - Disorderly conduct - John H. Bumby of 2202 Gordon St. was reported as having been subject to public drunkeness and disorderly conduct on Prosser Dr.

Oct. 13 - Theft - A bicycle was vandalized as its headlight and screwdriver were stolen.

Oct. 13 - Harassment by communication reported in the health center.

Oct. 13 - Fire Alarm - 2245 Gordon St. due to boiling water.

Oct. 13 - Fire Alarm - 414 N. Albright St.; food on a stove.

Oct. 13 - Alcohol Violation - Seven students from ML were referred to the Dean for an alcohol violation.

Oct. 13 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off for unknown reasons at Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Oct. 14 - Sick Student - A student suffered an upset stomach at 2145 Chew St.

Oct. 14 - Disorderly Conduct - Non students were reported to have been throwing eggs at students and non students from a red Jeep on 23rd St.

Oct. 14 - Tresspassing - Three non-students attempted to get into an Alpha Epsilon Pi party; all were issued letters of tresspass.

Oct. 14 - Sick student - A student suffered of a high temperature in M.L.

Oct. 14 - Sick student - A student vomited at 2411 Liberty St.

Oct. 14 - Information - A tree was damaged at 339 N. Leh St.

Oct. 14 - Criminal mischief - An egg was thrown at a car in MacGregor Dr.

Oct. 14 - Theft - Traffic cones were stolen from Service Electric Cable TV by Marino Field.

Oct. 15 - Fire Safety violation and Noise complaint - Students at 2216 Liberty St. were referred to the Dean.

Oct. 15 - Alcohol violation - Si underage students were foun drinking in MacGregor.

Oct. 15 - Dangerous situation Tree fell at Tau Kappa Epsilon

Oct. 15 - Theft - Several item were stolen from a vehicle on Albright St.

Oct. 15 - Vandalism - A screen was damaged in Brown Hall.

Oct. 15 - Possession of False I.D - A nonstudent was issued a letter of tresspass after having a fake driver's license.

Oct. 16 - Fire Alarm - Steam from shower at 318 Albright St

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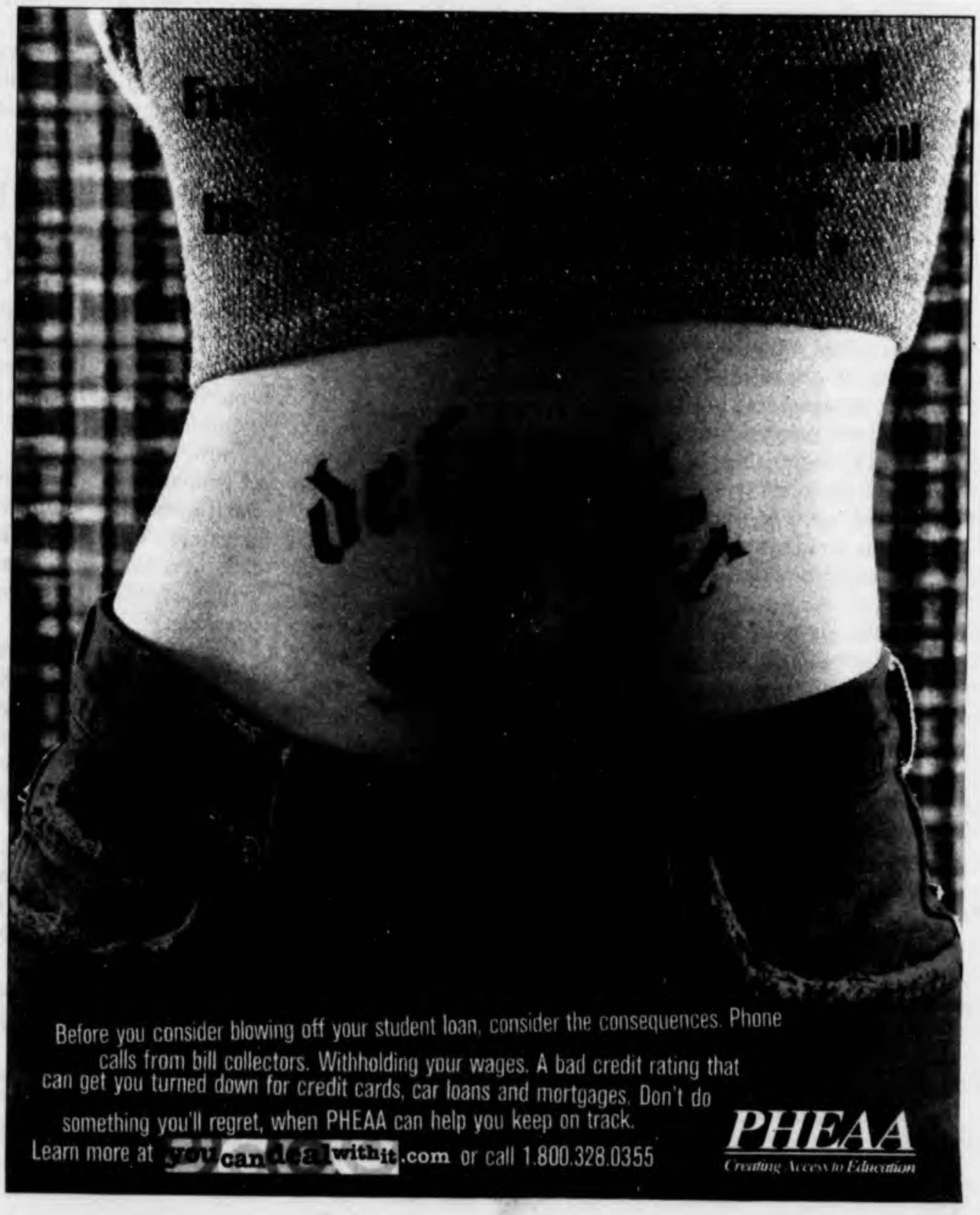

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Council votes to block MCTV from broadcasting its meetings

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Sept. 28 meeting, saying that all candidates for Council were informed that the position entails a certain degree of public speaking, and those not comfortable with public speaking should not seek office.

"As an elected person, you're expected to take issues and advocate them...that does include good communications skills," Brookstein explained. He said that the whole job is not public speaking, but that students should imagine the camera is "just another student that's there."

Still, Soroka and others suggested that the freshmen would be intimidated at their first meeting, Oct. 5. But the sentiment seemed to be with Brookstein and Saratovsky.

Freshman Nickolay Pandoursky, Vice President for his class, said that he was not intimidated by the cameras.

"I think the only concern was as far as voting goes," he said.

There were three votes on the topic last week:

1.) By virtue of no majority, a motion to continue to allow MCTV to continue to broadcast the meetings was defeated. Ten voted in favor, six voted against and six members abstained. Because only a plurality was reached, the measure failed.

2.) Council voted 15-4 (with four abstentions) to allow continued discussion at future meetings.

Some members expressed frustration that so much time had been spent discussing cameras instead of issues. Council was overwhelmingly against a restriction on discussion at future meetings.

3.) Brookstein also introduced a motion to extend a special invitation to MCTV to broadcast the Oct. 19 meeting only. That motion failed, with nine in favor, 12 against, and two abstentions.

Student Council has long stressed its open-door policy, inviting the entire student body to attend its meetings and to participate in its events. But student participation historically has been low, with voter turnout for annual school-wide elections in April hovering around 33 percent for the last few years.

Sometimes, students attend the Thursday night Council meetings to lobby for changes or to represent clubs when Council votes to allocate funds.

Beyond that, student participation has been low. Council held a "student body meeting" in the Red Door on Monday, drawing only minimal support.

"It's obvious that even with the big student body banner up, nobody except two people really came," Siegel said to begin the meeting.

Though about four people drifted in throughout the meeting, Council instead spent the time discussing ideas for increasing student participation and interest.

Last Thursday, the freshman class held a "freshman forum," where it intended to address any freshman concerns. Only twelve students showed.

So it leaves Brookstein wondering why Council voted to remove MCTV cameras, which, he said, just provide another opportunity for students to see what student council does.

Brookstein said that the cameras would be "another way that students can see what goes on at Council."

Soroka said that "people wouldn't really watch" the meetings on television, but "just the fact that there is a camera there" may influence votes.

"What could happen is someone could see the student council meeting and become interested," Brookstein said. That would "also increase participation" in voter turnout and attendance at weekly meetings.

From the editors

When Council voted to ban MCTV from broadcasting its meetings, Weekly editors had doubts about the implications of the vote. Specifically, some members said during the debate that the cameras should not record how members vote.

We are concerned that these members of Student Council think that their votes are not deserving of widespread student attention. Therefore, we are happy to print the vote results here.

How members voted

First Measure, failed: Should MCTV broadcast future meetings?

In Favor: Chris Titze, Elias Saratovsky, Christina Coviello, Michael Saratovsky, Andrew Poag, Steve Dimirsky, Seth Williams, Juliet Kholi, Nickolay Pandoursky, Josh Brookstein.

Against: Catina Crismale, Steven Soroka, Amy D'Antonio, Lindsay Goldstein, Evan Karp, Brian Bentzen.

Abstain: Andy Kent, Jay Dombi, Tyler Holmberg, Meredith Hanson, Andy Winkler, Mathew Wolfson.

Second Measure, failed: Should debate be banned until next semester?

In Favor: Steven Soroka, Jay Dombi, Lindsay Goldstein, Evan Karp.

Abstain: Michael Saratovsky, Kristen DiLorenzo, Meredith Hanson, Andy Winkler.

Against: Chris Titze, Elias Saratovsky, Christina Coviello, Brian Bentzen, Andrew Poag, Andy Kent, Steve Dimirsky, Catina Crismale, Mathew Wolfson, Nickolay Pandoursky, Tyler Holmberg, Amy D'Antonio, Seth Williams, Josh Brookstein, Juliet Kholi.

Third Measure, failed: Should Council extend a special invitation to MCTV to broadcast its Oct. 19 meeting only?

In Favor: Christina Coviello, Josh Brookstein, Chris Titze, Juliet Kholi.

Abstain: Mathew Wolfson, Andy Winkler.

Against: Elias Saratovsky, Michael Saratovsky, Steven Soroka, Nickolay Pandoursky, Lindsay Goldstein, Kristen DiLorenzo, Amy D' Antonio, Seth Williams.

Sterner chronicles drunk driving crash

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week of relaxing on the beach and drinking. What was supposed to lie ahead in the upcoming months was graduation and venturing out into the real world to begin their much-anticipated careers.

Instead, what occurred was a horrible accident that would change some lives and end others.

On the night of March 4, 1994, Mark and his friends began their last night on the island. They partied and danced, and then nominated the least drunk of the group to drive them back to the condominium where they were staying.

Ironically, for the past five nights of that week, there had been a designated driver to shuttle the guys home; however, it was the last night of their vacation and the group neglected to designate one driver.

Instead, the least drunk was appointed to drive the rental car back.

Sterner began the presentation by asking the audience a series of questions such as, "Who has ever driven with someone that was drunk? Who has ever driven drunk? Who has ever exceeded the speed of 100 m.p.h.?"

These questions began what was to be an eerily familiar account of a tragic accident that never should have happened.

A home video of the five friends' last night together was shown to the audience. It depicted them doing multiple shots and claiming that, "we're getting crazy."

What none of the friends knew was that 15 minutes after dancing on home video to Marley's "Every little thing is going to be all right," three of the five would be dead and one would be clinging to life, only to recover and spend two years in prison.

Sterner awoke in a hospital in Ft. Meyers, Fla. not wanting to face reality. After he recovered he was charged with three accounts of first degree DUI manslaughter.

His blood alcohol count had been .17 twice the legal limit. His friends' BAC had been .22.

What followed for Sterner was two years in a prison in Florida and a life full of sorrow and regret. Sterner said, "I never guessed how quickly my life would change. We were three months from graduation."

Now, he is serving 12 years of probation and his friend, Darrin, the fifth friend in the car, doesn't speak to him because it is too hard. He says it brings up too many horrific memories.

Instead, Mark Sterner spends his time by traveling to colleges and gives presentations—not to preach to students but to help. He never knows if he touches anyone, but claims he'll never stop trying.

"What I live with in my head and heart will never change." By educating people, he hopes to get through to just a few. Mark Sterner will never erase the nightmare in his head, but he can attempt to change the way some people think.

He left the students with, "Life is all about choices. Think about what you are doing. Think about who you could hurt."

Wood works on its image and introduces marketplace theme

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Wood hopes to create a competitive retail environment with the new Marketplace. Each station is designed to stand alone, meaning a student can find a complete meal at every station.

While their are 11 themes, only seven at a time will be featured. Edwards hopes to offer the "staples" at all times to students and at the same time offer a new flavor of dining.

There have only been several minor complaints reported. The College is one of five schools testing the Marketplace theme. Among the other schools involved are Lafayette, Moravian, Western Connecticut State University and Lockhaven.

Edwards credits the new theme as being a "living concept" in that it can evolve to meet student needs.

G.Q. has plans to improve the speed of service as students and College employees have expressed concerns about timing. Wood also hopes to improve the appeal of its pizza station.

The facility is not designed to handle the number of people it serves each day.

Edwards said his staff is working toward a ticket system at the grill and perhaps a comment card system as well.

Another point of contention is that students prefer to use $3.80 for varied items, but G.Q. is designed to provide students with meals rather than convenience store items like bottled water and snacks. While students prefer to use blocks of meals to make large, obscure orders (especially at the end of a semester), Wood struggles to provide the items.

"By trying to improve the value of the food to students, the staff is hoping to stop the increasing abuse of the plan," Edwards said.

Wood insists that it doesn't want to deny students anything while at the same time holding meal plan prices steady. The plan was not priced for students to use G.Q. for convenience-store purposes.

Weekly life

Inside...

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- ■ Review of *The Dropper*
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Been there, done that...

October 14-15, 2000
Members of the MTA performed in marathon theater, every hour on the hour for 24 hours. Benefits went to the Sixth Street Shelter and Casa Guadeloupe.

October 14, 2000
Walzfest was held on Taylor Mall. Activities like inflatable fun and a homerun derby were enjoyed by all, while being entertained by a D.J. A penny war also took place, which was won by Walz Hall. Over $100 was collected to be donated to Unicef.

Coming up...

October 19, 2000
At 4:30 pm in Parents' Plaza, Hillel and the Muslim Student Organization will hold a combined Peace Prayer for the Middle East.

October 19, 2000
"Who wants to be a Muhlenaire?" will be held in the Red Door at 7 pm.

October 20, 2000
October Fest will be held from 4 pm-8 pm in the East quad. Dinner will be served and Love Seed Mama Jump will be performing.

October 20, 2000
RHA's Pool Party will be from 9 pm-12 am in Memorial Hall.

October 21, 2000
Members of the College community will be participating inthe Women's 5k for Breast cancer.

October 21, 2000
The Senior Citizen Ball will be held from 6-9:30 pm. A Dance party will be held from 11 p m-2 am, and Interactive videos will be going on from 7 pm-1 am.

A Break in the Bubble...

Israel and the Palestinians have agreed to start negotiations in an effort to achieve a peaceful agreement this Tuesday.

'Dynamic' arrangements

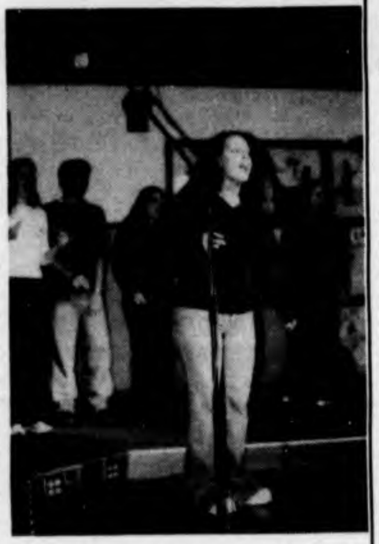
'Berg's a cappella group performs their first show

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

As perpetual crowd pleasers, the Muhlenberg Dynamic delivered the goods by singing their hearts out to a large audience on Monday night at the Red Door. Joining them were the Octaves, an a cappella group from the University of Richmond. The Octaves came to the College as part of their fall break tour, according to Dynamics Musical Director Jarad Benn. The Octaves sang Sugar Ray's "Someday" and "Two Step" by the Dave Matthews Band as part of their set.

"It was a preview--we only sang six songs. The atmosphere was very casual and informal," said Rachel Shapiro, Dynamics Coordinator. Their repertoire included old favorites like the Dave Matthews Band classic "Ants Marching," and a Backstreet Boys medley, but the concert gave the group the chance to sing some of their newer concoctions. These included "You'll Be in My Heart," "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "Come on Eileen."

This year's Dynamics are led by seniors Katie McCleary, Business Manager; Rachel Shapiro, Coordinator; and Jarad Benn, who serves as Musical Director. The group has released three CDs, which feature their unique a cappella arrangments of popular songs. The latest CD is called *Under the Full Moonlight*. In their spare time, the group also performs at functions throughout the area. The members of the Dynamics are a large, diverse group who combine a mutual love of singing with a flair for comedy, not to mention the ability to evoke real emotion.


Jen Carabollo '03 sings a solo in "I want it that way," during the Dynamics concert Monday evening.

For those of you who are fans of the group, keep your appetites in check: the next Dynamics concert will take place later this semester, most likely during the final exam study break period.

'Tangos and More' energizes crowd

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

A crowd of all ages gathered in Empie Theatre this Sunday to hear "Tangos and More!" a program of Argentinian, Brazilian, Caribbean, Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican and piano music from Professor Max Lifchitz. For an hour and a half, Lifchitz entertained the crowd with selections from various composers, specializing in salsa, tango, contradanza and Brazilian folk. Two of the composers used the Afro-Caribbean "clave" rhythm, a polymetric construct that includes alternating measures in 3/4 and 6/8 time, according to Lifchitz. This rare compositional method received tremendous applause from the audience.

The infusion of classical and romantic styles with tango rhythms and harmonies made the audience wonder why the guitar is always lauded as the instrument of Latin-American music.

"Piano is very much a part of the Latin American musical tradition," said Lifchitz in his pre-concert speech, "It is an unusual program...not part of the usual mainstream piano repertoire."

> *"Recordings that feature Latin American 'art music' are few and rarely recieve any significant attention from the media."*
>
> Professor Max Lifchitz

The concert program included detailed biographies of each composer, written by Lifchitz himself. He explained the individual styles and inspirations of each musician. A composer and performer, Lifchitz has showcased his talents both in the U.S. and abroad, winning grants from the prestigious Ford and Guggenheim foundations. When he is not performing, Lifchitz is a professor of music theory and composition at SUNY Albany, recently adding a course in Latin American Music and Society. He also teaches within the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Department. He was educated at the Julliard School of Music and Harvard University, where he honed his interests in Latin American and Caribbean music styles.

Lifchitz's unique musical tastes captivated his audience and let them experience a world of music that is rarely so accessible. Unfortunately, "Recordings that feature Latin American 'art music' are few and rarely receive any significant attention from the media," he said.

Lifchitz was brought to campus courtesy of the Music Department. Their next event is a senior recital of German songs, on Friday, October 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Improv concert: 'first of many'

By Bree Troise
Contributing Writer

The audience sat on chairs or huge floor cusions, facing a simple set: a comfy brown lounge chair placed on the corner of a large oriental rug. They were entertained by "Migrations" - a set of improvisational dance concerts.

On October 11, Susan Creitz, a professor in the dance department and a professional dancer herself introduced the first installment of improvisational dance concerts.

This one-hour, two-act performance took place in Brown Dance Studio before an audience of students, faculty, and friends of the cast.

The cast included Creitz, the show's creator, professional dancer and professor in Muhlenberg's Dance department, Jen Schoonover, a professional dancer/choreographer, and both current Muhlenberg students and recent alumni.

The show began with an introduction by Creitz, in which she mentioned that the concert marked her first performance in three years, and that she hoped that the evening's performance would be the first of many to be staged here at Muhlenberg.

Though the show might be classified as a modern dance concert, it combined song, live accompaniment, spoken words and poetry to create an atmosphere conducive to spontaneous displays of creativity. Creitz, along with Schoonover and Steven Fields '03 accompanied the dancers improvisationally with drumming and other percussion instruments, and Creitz and Schoonover supplied their harmonic singing voices for much of the performance.

The entire show was structured improvisation, in which set techniques helped

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AEPi brothers and pledges combine efforts to build sukkah

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

It's composed of pieces of wood, various tarps, pine tree branches, and leaves, and it's been standing in the side yard of the Alpha Epsilon Pi house for the past week. No, it's not some early Halloween decoration, it's a sukkah; a shelter built during the holiday of Sukkot to celebrate the harvest and remember the dwellings the Jews lived in during their time in the desert.

"It shows that we respect our heritage and we remember what our ancestors did, and basically show respect for it," brother Adam Pollack '02 said. "It's also to educate people about the holiday."

The nine brothers and 27 Pi pledges concentrated their efforts to building this structure in order to show respect for the holiday and the roots of the Jewish members of the fraternity.

Because Pi is a nationally Jewish fraternity, brothers and pledges felt it was important to start a tradition which honored one of the four holy days of the year. Regardless of religious background, brothers and pledges worked together to build the structure. Most of the men had not built a sukkah on campus before.

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>
> Matt Soffer '02

"I've done it at my synagogue," brother Matt Soffer '02 said. "It's a fraternity founded upon Judaism and I think it's very important that we did this. In years past we've lost sight of the fact that it is a nationally Jewish fraternity."

Brian Galimidi '02 agreed, mentioning the idea of introducing religious customs from home to his life at school.

"It's actually very meaningful because I can finally bring religious traditions from my own home to college," he said.

The brothers and pledges will take down the sukkah tonight around sundown, as the festival of Sukkot comes to an end. Though it's never been done before, the brothers would like to continue the tradition every year.

Photo by Josh Lebson
AEPI brothers and pledges built the sukkah for the Jewish holiday of Sukkot out of various materials, including wood, tarps, and pine tree branches.

"I'd love to see it continued next year and in years to come," Soffer said. "Putting it up really brought the guys together. It really instills a sense of community within the fraternity and the campus at large."

Though Galimidi didn't physically help with the building of the sukkah, he wished to extend his congratulations to those who did build the structure.

"I congratulate the people that did build it," he said. "And it didn't matter what their religious background was, they still understood the meaning behind it."

Creitz gives "all-inclusive" performance

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to facilitate the dancers' development of movement, shapes and ideas. Operating under this structure creates an entirely new and original performance each time, in which even the cast members themselves aren't sure of how the show will develop. The show relies also, in part, on the outside influences derived from both the individual audience members and the location of the performance.

The dancers referred to one another by their real names, rather than that of fictitious characters, as well as the real-life relationships among them, such as the sibling bond between cast members Beth '00 and Julie '03 Danton: The cast also spoke directly to the audience, and at one point during her performance, Creitz embraced a former student and friend from the audience.

Wednesday's performance took place amidst a men's soccer game, forcing the performers to compete with the energetic crowd of the fans at the game. At one point during the show, Creitz sang out "they scored a goal!" referring to the sudden uproar from the outside, and the other dancers' movements and sounds echoed her statement. The performance then springboarded into new movements and ideas that developed from her exclamation, which added both humor, as well as a new set of ideas to the performance.

This inclusion attempted to make the audience's experience all-inclusive; rather than attempt to compete with the noise from the soccer game, Creitz used the noise to her advantage by transferring the energy from the soccer game to the performance.

The performance proved to captivate the audience with the creative talent of the cast and their ability to develop complex and intriguing movements, sounds, and ideas from their natural surroundings. The show is an example of the beauty of the art of quotidian life.

Poetry Corner

Confusion

I write this one in pencil
cause feelings constantly changin
sketch these thoughts retrace it
it type amazin
am i goning through phases?
or are these feelins 4ever?
Sycosis Demencha
is my life feelin better?
i wear a black leather
but it no longer keeps me warm
i'm in the eye of the storm
with serious conflicks going on
crazy place in the middle hearin songs past
and gone
could this hell be long?

negativity

I can never get around you.
every place i go, you are there.
you help me live.
but you still keep my dream down,
of flyin in the air
and never walkin on the ground
you seem like gravity
but you can be broken
so you can be as serious as a law
but you have one flaw
positive thoughts
bring you down to the floor

Contributed by Ronny Sims

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah (the "ch" is pronouned as a rough gutteral, as in German) is a joyous festival in celebration of the Torah (the first five books of the Hebrew Bible). This year it is on Oct. 22, or Tishrei 23 on the Jewish calendar.

Jews begin a new annual cycle of reading the Torah, reading the last and first passages. The last is the death of Moses in the book of Deuteronomy and the first is the creation story in Genesis. One blessing prayer before the reading is reserved for the children, led by adults. The congregation often dances with the Torah scroll on this holiday.

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A look at... Medeski, Martin, and Wood

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Columnist

With *The Dropper*, hip jazzbos Medeski, Martin, and Wood, collaborate with Wu-Tang Clan producer Scotty Hard to deliver an album as psychedelic as its title implies. *The Dropper* comes just a few months after MMW put out *Tonic*, their organic live album recorded in the NYC club of the same name. *Dropper* is the polar opposite of *Tonic*. Where *Tonic* displayed only acoustic instruments, this time MMW go all out electric. Many of the tracks have a hip-hop undertone like the trippy "Illinization" and "Norah 6." The record is full of thick and pulsing bass textures and scrappy highs. Only the track "Note Bleu" with its bossa nova- feel is anything reminiscent of what MMW has done before. MMW has always played with the conventions of jazz, and their raucous live shows have allowed them a large following in fans of jam bands. With *The Dropper*, MMW could scare some of that audience away, given that most of the tracks, other than the opener, "We are Rolling", are under four minutes long. The record overall is reminiscent of Miles Davis' classic 70's fusion album, *Bitches Brew*. The grooves are extremely tight, but they sound almost hot-wired, cooked, and steaming. Although, I have grown to appreciate the record, *The Dropper* sounds so overly baked, after my first listen, I had to wonder if MMW were "dropping" anything while recording this outlandish effort.

Also just released is the new record by the Black Eyed Peas, *Bridging The Gap*. This second effort came as a large disappointment. After listening to their first record repeatedly for the past two years I was heavily anticipating the release of *Bridging the Gap*. Over the last couple months, news came out about the record and I had heard that it featured a great selection of guests, from one of my favorite artists, Mos Def, to Gangstar production legend, DJ Premier, to the alterna-pop queen herself, Macy Gray. After hearing a roster of guests like this, I figured there was no way the record could be a disappointment. I guess I was wrong. First off, with the group's debut record *Behind the Front*, they displayed that they had all the right influences in their sound and that they could produce a bona fide booty shaker ("Joints and Jam"). It seemed that throughout the album one could hear these influences (A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul, the Roots) but the Peas weren't surpassing them or doing anything new with them. This flaw was defendable, though; given that it was the group's first record, and it seemed like with their next record the Peas would really come into their own. This is where the new record fails. It has been two years since their debut and the Peas are still confined by their influences, instead of inspired by them, and all the guests appearances in the world can't help that. In fact, most of the appearances go to waste. Mos Def kicks a largely forgettable verse on "In Your Town" and De La Soul can't even keep "Cali to New York" anything but ordinary. The Peas do shine on the album's opener, "BEP Empire" but this is largely due to the fact that DJ Premier did the production. The beat is ridiculously hot, but the Peas verses are nothing to brag about. In fact, just about every track, "BEP Empire" included, seems to have the same subject matter, the Peas bragging about their skills as emcees, which gets pretty boring about three tracks in. With *Bridging the Gap*, the Black Eyed Peas had a chance to prove that they could hold their own against their contemporaries. Their intentions were good, but unfortunately, the record just isn't.

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Courtesy of www.yahoo.com

Medeski, Martin, and Wood's new album *The Dropper*, is as "psychedelic" as its title implies.

Writing tutors attend conference

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

Last weekend 7 writing center tutors attended the 17th annual National conference on Peer Tutoring in Writing at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. Over 40 colleges and universities were in attendence, including schools such as Colgate University and Penn State. Professor Linda Miller, Director of the Writing Center, and Monica Stuft, Assistant director of the Writing center, were also in attendence.

Jennifer Baldwin '02 and Lisa Kremen '02 assisted Stuft in giving the Keynote address at the conference. The subject of the address was tutoring writing across the curriculums.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Nadine Gorelik '02 works in the Writing center in Trexler Library. The writing center is open Sunday through Thursday 3:30-5:30pm and 7-11pm.

"I got a better understanding of how our writing center works," John Franzen '03 said. "I also got a sense for how unique our writing center is."

The conference will be held at Muhlenberg in 2001.

life movie listings

October 20-22

AMC Tilghman 8

Pay it Forward
Fri.— 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sat.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sun.— 1:30, 4:30, 8:15

Bedazzled
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sun.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:40

Meet the Parents
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 8:10

The Contender
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 8

Dr. T and the Women
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.- 1, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun - 1, 4:10, 8:15

Remember the Titans
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sat.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sun.—1:40, 4:40,8:20

The Exorcist
Fri—4, 7, 10; Sat.— 4, 7, 10; Sun.— 4, 8

Drunken Master II
Fri.—4, 7, 9:50; Sat.—1, 4, 7, 9:50; Sun.—1, 4, 8:10

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Bedazzled
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Pay it Forward
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:30, 4:05, 7, 9:40 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Legend of Drunken Master
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Lost Souls
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Exorcist
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1, 4, 7, 9:30 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Meet the Parents
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Ladies Man
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Remember the Titans
Fri. Sat., and Sun.— 1:40, 4:20, 7;15, 9:35

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.— midnight

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

Aries 3/21-4/19
This week will be a good one, with happy times coming your way as you interact with friends and loved ones. Many of the problems you encounter this week will be minor things that are normal in most everyone's life. Your dreams will be clear and informative. Through meditation, you will develop insights as to how to go about accomplishing your desired goals.

Taurus 4/20-5/20
A difficult assignment for class was almost finished, but complications have arisen. Don't give up and focus on getting the task accomplished before it breaks you. Some of your friends may be out of sorts this week and you will be called upon to settle everyone down and become the mediator. Your dreams may not be too clear, but one or two will be helpful in the near future.

Gemini 5/21-6/20
Sticking to a strict routine this week will keep you from going off the deep end on certain affairs of the heart. A new love could be a motivation for change, but it may not be for the better. Try to spend some time in meditation before doing anything drastic. Things will begin to run a little more smoothly at school, but do not put off starting long-term assignments. Now is the time to get things underway.

Cancer 6/21-7/22
This week the person you have been going head to head with will finally give up the battle. Knowing that you were right all along gives you the confidence to stand up for your own beliefs and values. Be open-minded: you will be confronted with an even more difficult task at the end of the week. Remain confident and strong-willed in your efforts to overcome the obstacle.

Leo 7/23-8/22
You must resist the temptation to overspend money this week or you'll end up financially ruined. Remember there are ways to impress that cost nothing, and have a much deeper impact. At this time you may have some trouble getting school work done, as there is much to get accomplished in a short amount of time. Focus and determination will bring success. Dreams are clear and entertaining, but hard to figure out.

Virgo 8/23-9/22
This is a good week to strengthen relationships with friends. Now is the time to communicate with your friends and tell them what's on your mind. Over the past few weeks there hasn't been much time for socializing what with all of the schoolwork and studying that needed to get done. If you are planning any trips, invite along a new friend who would make the trip more enjoyable. Write down your dreams, a surprise awaits you.

Libra 9/23-10/22
There will be no shortage of opportunities this week. Your only problem will be deciding which to take and which to ignore. Fortunately, with so many options you can afford to be choosy and hold out for what you really want. That person you've been avoiding will continue to annoy you if you don't sit down and have a talk with him or her. Don't ignore any dreams and you will see how they fit together to give you insight.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
In the rush and chaos of this week, it is easy to overlook someone less fortunate than yourself, so pay attention to someone who may need help but will never ask you. Words may not necessarily be the answer, this person may just be looking for attention, comfort and affection. Your dreams will give you the answers you need, and the ways to accomplish certain things in your life that has had you puzzled.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
You can take the first shaky steps toward acheiving something important this week. But there is plenty of room for misunderstanding. If you stick to your principles, you should overcome any potential hazards. You may be in for a mysterious encounter as you meet with a stranger and offer your help. Don't hesitate to assist!

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
Your innate style in getting things done is never more apparent than it is this week, as you accomplish those goals you have set for yourself. Don't try too hard to convince others that your ideas are the best, or else there will be negative consequences. Sometimes first impressions are lasting, but try to get to know a person better before passing any judgments. You should have some very profound and stirring dreams this week .

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
This week you should let people stand alone, as some people need to spend a little time taking care of themselves so they can get the feel of it; you can't always be there for them. After all, you already have enough on your plate. A deadline is coming up that you must meet before you can plunge into the rest of your assignments. A particularly vivid dream may have you confused but mediation will clear it up, and make it understandable.

Pisces 2/19-3/20
Reach out for others at a distance. Don't get upset about another's response or lack of response. Much might be going on around him or her. This week your sense of what's right comes out. You will embody success very soon. Make the most of your weekend, you need to get away as soon as you can. Pay attention to your dreams, you will find messages coming through that will lead and guide you.

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Men's soccer splits games with Messiah and Washington

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their sights set on snapping their two game losing streak. Sophomore forward Ben Long put the Mules on top at the 31:30 mark on a goal scored off a pass from junior Chris Rowley.

Less then a minute later, the Mules capitalized yet again when captain Brad Kocher beat Washington goalie John Steers. Sophomore Kevin Welding was credited with the assist on Kocher's goal. The Mules continued to pressure the Washington defense, registering ten shots during the game. With slightly over a minute remaining in the first half, Washington was called for a penalty at 43:50. Ben Long then blasted the ball past Steers for his second goal of the half, increasing the Mules' lead to 3-0 and putting the contest out of reach.

The defense put up another strong showing, holding Washington to only seven shots on the day. Junior Rob Pomento and freshman Brendan McKeown split the shutout in goal, with Pomento netting two first half saves while McKeown had three in the second half. The shutout was the fifth of the year.

The victory improved the Mules' Centennial Conference record to an impressive mark of 4-1 while increasing their overall record to 6-4. The Mules are now tied for second place in the conference with Gettysburg, who the Mules defeated 2-1 back on Sept. 23. Both teams now trail undefeated conference leader Johns Hopkins by a game.

The Mules have their sights set on Centennial Conference rival Western Maryland, who will journey to the 'Berg on Saturday for a key match up. The Mules will look to carry over the momentum gained from their shutout of Washington and look to keep pace in the hunt for the conference title.

Photos by Scott Swartz

Goalies Rob Pomento (l.) and Brendan McKeown (r.) contributed to the Mules' victory with a combined five saves.

Field hockey team looks ahead to Bryn Mawr

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Mule Head Coach Kristen Stuckel was encouraged by her team's performance saying, "I was really pleased. We dominated offensively and we really connected on our passes."

With Gower's game winning goal against Haverford, she upped her season total to twelve goals and maintained her average of one goal per game. Gower is now only ten points behind the all-time leading point scorer in College history.

After just one day off, the Mules traveled to Montclair State on Saturday. Despite the fact that Muhlenberg goalie Josephine Fasolino made eleven saves, the Mules' offense could not convert and the team was shutout, 2-0. Lambert said, "We didn't set the pace of the game and that really hurt us."

With the loss, the team's overall record fell to 7-6, but their remaining league match-ups against Dickinson on Saturday and at home against Bryn Mawr on Oct. 25 might keep a playoff berth alive.

Photo by Scott Swartz

The cross country team, led by sophomore Brendan Gallagher, ran strongly at the Allentown Invitational.

Weekly Staff predictions: The Subway Series Returns

Emily Pannebaker -
Editor in Chief:
"My prediction is pretty uneducated, but I think the Mets will win, because I'm an Orioles fan."

Mike Goldsmith -
Associate Editor:
"Yankees in six. The Mets aren't even close to the caliber of the Yankees."

Joe Trentacoste -
Managing Editor:
"The Yankees are going to take it in six. The Mets are 14 years out of practice."

Emily Gewitz -
Production Editor:
"Yankees, Yankees, Yankees."
(giggling)

Mike Billet -
Sports Editor:
"The Yankees in six, due to superior pitching and clutch hitters down the stretch."

Jared Holz -
Business Manager:
"Even though the Mets are from Queens, the Yanks are still the Kings - they'll sweep."

Jeff Baird -
News Editor:
"The Yankees in six. It will be close, but I think the DH will be the deciding factor."

David Sobotkin -
Opinion Editor:
"Gore takes it in four...oh, wait. Never mind."

Brian Talbott -
Asst. Opinion Editor:
"I really have no idea. Bush?"

Jen Epting -
Life Editor:
"The Yankees, of course. Not only do they have a phenominal team, but their recent acquisitions are sure to have given them insight into the Mets' strategic planning."

Allison Curd -
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"The Mets in four, even though Derek Jeter is cute."

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Football loses; Blue Jays fly away with victory

By Michael Billet
Asst. Sports Editor

With a possible playoff berth at stake, the Mules faced the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays on their turf at Homewood Field on a magnificent fall day this past Saturday. Despite outstanding effort on offense by Quarterback Michael McCabe and Joshua Carter, the Mules defense, up 174 yards rushing and 320 passing yards, couldn't hold Johns Hopkins late in the game. The result was a disappointing loss by a score of 33 to 20, leaving the Mules placed fourth in Centennial Conference standings with a record of 3-2.

In the first quarter, senior James Barski's punt was blocked by Johns Hopkins' linebacker Colin Slemenda, and the Blue Jays got the ball at the Mules 15-yard line. Unable to move the ball, Hopkins' kicker Michael Andrade booted a 31-yard field goal to make the score 3- 0.

The Mules took the next kickoff and drove down the field on a 10 play, 59-yard drive. McCabe completed a 19 yard pass to Carter, a 13 yard pass to junior wide receiver Wes Spence, and a 9 yard pass to senior fullback Jim DePreta to get to the Jays' 6 yard line. Freshman Matt Bernardo carried the Mules into the end zone with two consecutive rushing attempts, finding it in his second carry. Sophomore Chris Reed kicked the extra point making the score 7-3 in favor of the Mules.

On the next play, the Mules received a 35-yard penalty when the ball was kicked out of bounds. On the third play of the drive, Hopkins completed a 22-yard pass that put them in striking distance of another touchdown. Following two running plays, the Hopkins quarterback fumbled the ball, which was recovered by Mules' sophomore linebacker Beau Sherry on the team's 21-yard line.

Unfortunately, the Mules were unable to convert on this opportunity, and had to punt the ball back to the Blue Jays. Neither the Blue Jays nor the Mules could convert on their next possession of the game. Then, during the Blue Jays second drive of the second quarter, they completed a 51-yard touchdown pass with 3:34 left in the quarter, making the score 10 to 7 in favor of Johns Hopkins.

On their next offensive series, with time running out in the second quarter, the Mules responded to the Blue Jay's touchdown by driving down the field. After McCabe completed a 10-yard pass to Carter, sophomore running back Anthony Wolfsohn rushed for 17 yards. McCabe then completed a 6-yard pass to Spence, who quickly called a time-out, stopping the clock. McCabe then completed an 18-yard pass again to Wolfsohn, and another 10-yard pass to Carter. This set up the ball on the Jays' four yard line with 11 seconds left in the first half. After attempting a quick strike to the Jay's end zone, which was unsuccessful, the Mules opted to go for the field goal to ensure a tied game at the half. The Hopkins defense, however, blocked the attempt and the Mules couldn't convert—this ensured the home team a 10-7 lead as they entered their locker room at the half.

The Mules came out charging in the second half, as on the first drive they completed an eight play, 79-yard drive, resulting in their second touchdown of the game. The two big plays of the drive transpired when McCabe connected with Bernardo for a 28-yard pass and finished with a 32-yard pass to Carter. The Mules took back the lead with Carter's touchdown, making the score 14-10 in favor of the Mules.

The Blue Jays quickly answered with a scoring attack of their own. Hopkins' quarterback Rob Heleniak threw a 79-yard touchdown pass to running back Scott Martorana. The Blue Jays ran a two point conversion after a bad snap by their holder, and successfully completed it, making the score 18-14 in favor of the Blue Jays.

On their next drive, Wolfsohn and Carter combined for 56 yards of offense, through the air and on the ground, setting up a 36 field goal attempt for kicker Chris Reed. Reed missed the field goal, but Hopkins couldn't convert on this opportunity and punted the ball back to the Mules. This gave Wolfsohn 51-yards rushing on the next drive. However, the Mules opted to go for a fourth down and one with a little over two minutes left in the third quarter. McCabe gave the ball to Bernado, but the Blue Jays defense came up with a pivotal play at the Jays' 30 yard line. This stop by the Hopkins' defense changed the momentum of the game. After this stop, the Jays' Martorana broke loose with a 55-yard gain, which should have been a touchdown, but was negated by a penalty. Shortly afterward, Martorana ran three times for 20 yards and a touchdown. The team completed the extra point attempt, making the score 25-14 Hopkins.

The fourth quarter began slowly for both teams. However, on the Mules' second possession of the fourth quarter, they drove down the field with a six play, 78-yard drive. The highlight of this drive was a 43-yard pass to Wolfsohn, which set up a touchdown by Bernardo. This touchdown was followed by an unsuccessful two-point conversion attempt, leaving the score 25-20—the last time the Mules would score.

The Blue Jays responded to this touchdown with a 11- play, 74 yard drive of their own. The Hopkins Quarterback Heleniak completed many short passes to drive them down the field. His final pass of the drive was completed, resulting in the Blue Jay's last touchdown of the day with 2:18 left in the game. This touchdown put the game out of the Mules' reach.

On their loss, the Mules' coach Mike Donnelly said, "We didn't play well enough to win." The team had two kicked blocks in the game and Hopkins outperformed the Mules on special teams, according to Donnelly.

"We didn't have the confidence on defense and we didn't make the big plays on defense when we had to," he said. Donnelly gives credit to the offense, especially McCabe and Carter. "McCabe bailed us out of several broken plays with his great escape ability." Donnelly is looking forward to the game this Saturday against Gettysburg, a team they lost to last year, because he knows the Mules will step up. "[Gettysburg] has given us trouble in the past. I will get to see what the team is made of this weekend."

The final score was 33 to 20 in favor of Johns Hopkins. Unfortunately, in all likelihood, this loss eliminates them from the post season playoffs. But at home in Scotty Wood stadium this Saturday, the Mules can complete another winning season by challenging Gettysburg, currently last place in the Conference.

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:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web site

Despite the volleyball team's loss against Gettysburg this weekend, the girls held their own against Washington with a score of 3 to 1, Mules. Leading the team in the Washington match was sophomore Meaghan Billie with 15 kills and two blocks. Sophomore Elizabeth Leone soared with 11 digs, two blocks, and three aces. Junior Laura Funsten added to her school record of 1,816 assists with an additional 70 this Saturday. The girls will head to Susquehanna this Saturday with Scranton. The team is 14-8 overall and 3-5 in Conference play.

In the Franklin and Marshall Invitational held this past Monday, the 16th, the men's golf team placed sixth. Matt Katz, a freshman, came in fourth place with a 75. Senior Matt Berman finished with a 79. The men also took first place on the 10th in Elizabethtown's Blue Jay Tournament.

On the 23rd, the team will host the Mule Invitational at 12:00. The team has held a fall tournament ever since 1998. After that, the men will travel to the Ocean City Collegiate golf classic where they will compete against multiple schools over a long weekend.

Profile of a Mule

Giammalvo chooses volleyball for fame, fortune and friends

By Courtney Russell
Asst. Sports Editor

For sophomore Lisa Giammalvo, her number one devotion in sports wasn't always volleyball. When she was faced to decide between whether to play soccer or volleyball, she chose the latter of the two.

Giammalvo grew up in Massapequa, N. Y. playing soccer. She was given the opportunity to join the volleyball team too, and enjoyed playing so much that she gave up playing soccer seriously.

She worked on her skills as an outside hitter in high school to become a better player. In her college search, she had an overnight visit with the volleyball team here where she got to see what the girls on the team were really like. She described them as being very "friendly" and "close," and she decided that Muhlenberg would be a good choice for her.

Now that she has a starting position on the team, Giammalvo is very pleased with her performance and the team's as a whole.

"We stay very strong and everyone is so committed. We all want to win."

The team's devotion has paid off thus far. The girls were successful in tournaments this fall, winning the Buttermaker Tournament hosted by the College and placing second in the Messiah Tournament.

In the Oneonta Tournament, Giammalvo and her teammate, Meaghan Billie, both received the honor of being named to the All-Tournament Team.

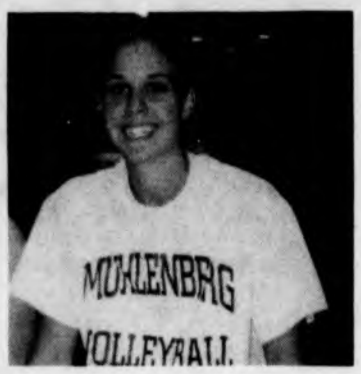
Her enthusiasm and excitement toward volleyball stem from a number of different places. Her parents are very supportive, and have come to almost every game this season.

Coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman is also a very motivating individual in Giammalvo's life.

"She is a very knowledgeable person, and I think she's an absolutely great coach."

She also receives positive inspiration from all of the girls on the team. Giammalvo is happy about the fact that she gets to meet so many nice people through playing volleyball. The team is united; members are friends on and off the court, which improves the lines of communication during play.

This five foot nine- inch outside hitter has many interests besides volleyball. She is a psychology major obtaining certification in elementary education, and is currently doing fieldwork at Jackson Elementary in Allentown.



She is also currently pledging the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, a very positive experience thus far that has given her yet another chance to get closer with some of her teammates who are sisters as well as fellow pledges.

No Holz Barred

A sub-modest proposal

By Jared Holz
Business Manager

Very seldom does a scenario which can alter one's life for the better present itself. With this being said, it is imperative to recognize the significance of the current baseball status in which we are immersed. Being trapped in Pennsylvania is no excuse not to thoroughly love and behold the triumverant New York clash in the usual late October doldrums.

In celebration of a potential Subway series, Muhlenberg should go to great lengths to enforce baseball's sanctity and the once in a lifetime opportunity for Mets and Yankees fans to concentrate on destiny in the making. Clearly, Allentown is no New York City. The Bronx and Queens are a far cry from the depths of the Lehigh Valley; however something must be done to eliminate any distractions from the upcoming series.

Professors have to realize how Herculean this event is. It has been over 40 years since two teams from the same city have gone head to head in championship battle. Students on this campus must be entitled to ten or more days of complete freedom, replete with baseball frenzy, released from he shackles of school work.

All exams, papers, essays and projects should be curtailed until November. America's Pastime should not be marred by any tests or quizzes, oral presentations or debates. The only thing on the minds of students should be either the Yankees, Mets, or, for the ambivalent, both.

Our esteemed faculty should view this opportunity as a bit of time off. Classes will still be held, and attended by the student body. Clearly though, evening activities will be replete with consuming food, drink, screaming at the television, making friends, losing some, and kicking back with no worries other than a ninth inning catastrophe. Where the library is normally a bastion of academic awareness and preparation, it will have to take a back seat as bar stools and couches take over.

The harm in this matter is that the academic scheduling will be pushed back until the series is over. As assignments build up, so will pressure to successfully complete them. Several days of Heaven, though, is well worth the hellish struggle that will take place in the upcoming months. As long as students and professors are in unison, no real damage will be done. Extensions will be granted with pleasure, and the responsibility of students after the series will become extremely apparent.

The only way one can fully enjoy the subway series is with a clear head. The mentality of a true sports fan is one in which all other outside sources must be disposed of when dealing with a match-up as crucial as the one forthcoming.

Women's soccer prevails over Keuka and Dickinson

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's soccer team holds first place in the race for the Centennial Conference championship. The Mules moved up to first place on Oct. 11 after they shut out Dickinson, 3-0.

Although the team lost its first Centennial Conference game to John Hopkins on October 14 (0-1), Gettysburg tied with Ursinus, allowing the Mules to keep hold of their first place standing. The first place winner of the Centennial Conference receives an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Mules beat Keuka on Oct. 6, 3- 1. They gained an early lead when two goals were scored by senior captain Alissa Desiderio and freshman Dawn Iberer. Their goals were scored four minutes apart, both from the right side of the penalty box.

Captain Jen Sands, a senior, ended the game by scoring with a shot from the left side of the field. Denae Bordeaux had three saves against Keuka. For the final two-thirds of the game, the Mules played mostly reserves.

The win that the Mules took on Oct. 11 against Dickinson gave the Mules first place position in the Centennial Conference. This win gave the Mules a double-digit win record for the fourth year in a row.

Four minutes into the second half, following the scoreless first half of the game, junior Nancy Grove, captain, scored her fourth goal of the season, four minutes into the second half.

Freshman Dawn Iberer, who holds the team scoring lead of 20 points, assisted Grove's goal, along with assisting Junior Jennie Vroman's goal, and scoring her own goal late in the game. Goalie Kim Laurino had four saves against Dickinson.

Saturday's close loss to Johns Hopkins did not change Muhlenberg's first place status in the Centennial Conference. Hopkins scored their only goal on a long shot toward the end of the first half of the match.

Freshman Monica Jones, center back, explained that it was a tough game but the Mules played their best.

"Hopkins is a very skilled team with a lot of tough players. Both teams battled all the way to the end. We played with everything we had and did everything we could, but Hopkins had a nice goal," she said.

Hopkins had eight shots on goal; The Mules scored two, with three saves by Laurino.

In order to remain in first place in the conference, the Mules must win their next three games.

Iberer has high expectations for the team to remain in first place, especially if both offense and defense step up.

She explained, "Gettysburg also lost to Johns Hopkins, which is not good for us in the standings. We will have to win all three of our next games to remain in first place. We are capable of remaining in first place, but we cannot have a bad game because then we'll get knocked down. We have to be in the game."

Muhlenberg is now 10-3-2 overall and 5-1-1 in the Centennial Conference. There are high expectations for the rest of their season, because the team has real potential to win the conference title this year.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Captain Alissa Desiderio punts one towards the goal.

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Sports

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Field hockey drives past Haverford in tough OT thriller

2-1 win puts Mules at .500 in Centennial Conference

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Playing under a full moon on the turf of Scotty Wood Stadium for the first time in three weeks, the field hockey team evened its Centennial Conference record to 3-3 last Thursday. The Mules needed all 70 minutes of regulation time plus four minutes of overtime to defeat Haverford, but in doing so, they kept their playoff hopes alive. The Mules are looking to finish in the top four of the Conference in order to qualify for the first ever post-season tournament. The top four finishers will compete for the Conference Championship and the right to go to the NCAA Division III Tournament.

Haverford's defense dominated the first half of play as the Mules spent the majority of the half in Ford territory but could not put the ball in the net. Their best chance to score in the first half came with six and a half minutes remaining. The Mules ran.down the field on a breakaway, but the shot went wide right and the game remained scoreless going into halftime.

At the beginning of the second half, the Mule offense continued to dominate and keep the ball in Haverford territory. The Mules earned seven penalty corners in the second half before they were able to convert one into the game's first goal. Off the second rebound of a penalty corner, senior captain Kerry Lambert managed to get the ball past Haverford goalie Erin Moore to give the Mules a 1-0 lead with 14:49 remaining in the game.

The Fords responded quickly however, answering with a goal of their own only 48 seconds later. The Mule defense was slow getting back on a breakaway and Haverford senior Robin Herlands blasted the ball into the Muhlenberg net to tie the game at 1-1.

Although both teams had opportunities to end the game in regulation, defense prevailed over the final fourteen minutes of regulation and the Mules and Fords headed into overtime. The Mules won the coin toss, took possession of the ball and never relinquished control during the overtime period.

Lambert, on offense, said about the game, "We played really well together and were very confident going into overtime." After two saves by Haverford's goalie, Junior Melissa Eicken passed the ball to Kelly Gower who put it into the net to earn the victory for the Mules.

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Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior Melissa Eicken dribbles past a Haverford defender.

Allentown Invitational not too tough for Mules

Cross country finishes a respectable 6th and 7th

By Michael Billet
Assistant Sports Editor

This Saturday, the Muhlenberg men's and women's cross-country teams competed in a local meet at Allentown College on a challenging course. It started downhill, continued over seven other hills and finished uphill. The Allentown Invitational consisted of both Division III and Division II schools for both the men's and women's meets.

The men finished sixth out 28 teams with a score of 243 points. The team placed fourth among Division III schools. Sophomore Brendan Gallagher finished twelfth overall out of 282 runners, and second in the conference with a time of 27:16. This marked the first time this season that Gallagher finished first in the race for the Mules.

On the team's performance, he said, "We had a really good meet. We didn't expect to finish as well as we did because of injuries, but the team really came together and gave a good effort."

Junior Will Elson finished second for the Mules and 44th overall with a time of 28:06. Although freshman Richard Kipp only ran the J.V .race at the Allentown Invitational, his time of 29:30 was good enough to finish in the Mules' top seven. Due to this accomplishment, he made the Centennial Conference weekly honor roll.

The women's team competed against 25 other teams in the Allentown Invitational. The team finished seventh out of 25 teams with a score of 244 points. The women's team placed fifth among Division III teams. Junior Katie Garrett was the first female runner to finish the race for the Mules and placed 36th overall with a time of 20:35. This time marked Katie Garrett's personal best and also placed her on the Centennial Conference weekly honor roll. Freshman Erica Norey was the second finisher for the Mules and placed 46th overall, but missed breaking 21 minutes by 15 one-hundredths of a second.

This Saturday, the men and women's cross-country team will compete at West Chester University.

Men's soccer wins one, loses one against rivals Washington and Messiah

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

Following their disappointing loss to Johns Hopkins, the men's soccer team looked to rebound in its non-conference showdown with Messiah. Both teams entered the contest ranked in the top ten of the Mid-Atlantic Region, Messiah ranked fourth and the Mules owned the sixth spot. While Messiah had an overall series lead of 9-8-2, the Falcons have failed to win here in all seven previous attempts.

During the first half, both teams failed to convert on several scoring opportunities, resulting in a scoreless contest at halftime. However Messiah struck first only five minutes into the second half on a goal by sophomore Aaron Faro with assists from Mike Shalhoub and Grant Kalnins.

As play continued, tempers began to flare in the heated rivalry as both teams took control in their respective offensive zones. Following several yellow cards to both teams, Muhlenberg was called for a penalty inside the box, giving Messiah a penalty kick 82:42 into the game. Sophomore Hayden Woodworth blasted the ball into the lower right-hand side of the net to increase the Falcons' lead to 2-0.

Five minutes later, Messiah's Matt Crist scored an unassisted goal to increase the lead to 3-0, closing the door on the Mules and any attempt to comeback. Muhlenberg was outshot 17-6, and Messiah goalie Aaron Schwartz recorded another shutout. While the loss dropped the Mules' overall record to 5-4, the victory gave visiting Messiah their first-ever win at Muhlenberg.

On Saturday, the Mules traveled to Washington (Md.) with

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Cliffs Notes, shot glasses disappear from shelves

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

If you've been in the 'Berg Bookshop lately, you might not have found exactly what you were looking for: the Cliffs Notes.

As almost every student knows, Cliffs Notes are summaries of novels and other works of literature that offer summary and interpretation in a straightforward manner--perfect for the cramming student not interested in reading the material.

Inevitably, the yellow and black books are a center of controversy, as many purchasers just read the Cliffs Notes instead of reading the novel itself. Such incidents usually result in the student missing important information. In many educators' minds, it has been a reason for poor understanding of the material.

At the beginning of this year, a faculty member made a request to Thomas Miller, the head of the 'Berg Bookshop: remove the Cliffs from the shelves.

Miller said "when I came to this school, I was surprised that they sold Cliffs Notes here. This is the fourth school I have worked at and this was the first time I had seen Cliffs Notes sold in a college bookstore." Miller decided to make an inquiry into the request and opened an e-mail forum promoting discussion on the books' merits.

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Remember to 'Fall Back'

Daylight Savings Time ends early Sunday morning.

Set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

Trustees approve $70 M plan, largest in history; 2 dorms may be ready by fall

Discuss social, academic concerns

By Andrew May
Weekly Staff Writer

At a time when students are anxious with College expansion and Greek life, the Board of Trustees met last week and discussed in its student life committee topics ranging from parking to Greek life. Attending the meeting as part of the committee on student affairs were Student Body President, Jodi Siegel, and Senior Andrew Poag, also a member of Student Council.

Siegel said that "the meeting went very well," as she and Poag brought student concerns before the trustees.

A major matter brought up at the meeting was parking. Although there seems to be a constant and fluid decrease in the amount of parking spaces available, the Board of Trustees decided to allow the current fresh-

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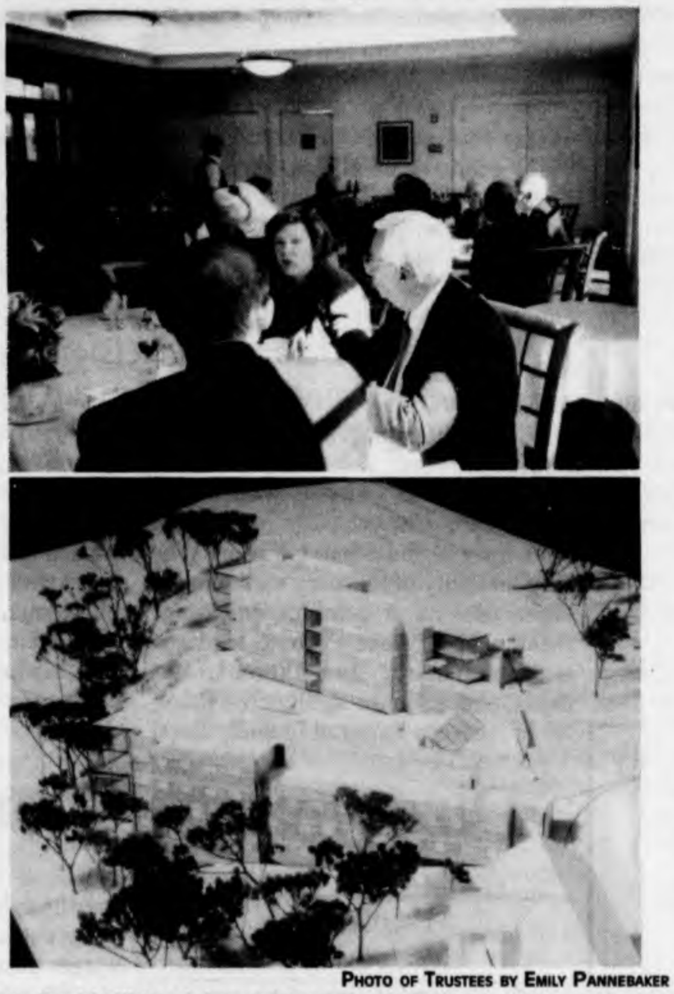

Photo of Trustees by Emily Pannebaker

Top, David Hilder, John and Pamela Humphrey, Kathryn Taylor, Max Davison and Art Altman. Above, a tentative diagram of the twin residence buildings, as proposed.

Renovations to Seegers and Life Sports

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted last week to launch a capital campaign that will include twin residence buildings, renovations to Seegers Union and an addition to the Life Sports Center, accumulating a bill of $70 million.

The effort, scheduled to be completed in seven years, shatters the previous record for capital campaigns, which was $23 million.

First on the list for completion are two residence halls consisting of a total of 140 single rooms, arranged four to a suite. Each suite will have a galley kitchen, a bathroom and a living room. Both buildings, one of which will hold 68 students and the other of which will hold 72, will have a game room and study lounge similar to fraternity basements, according to Bruckner.

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Prospectives flood campus, signaling interest

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Over 300 families packed the campus Saturday for the first of two fall open houses for high school juniors and seniors interested in the College.

The attendance at the first fall open house was similar to that of last year's open house in that the registration signals that interest in the College continues to be strong. Any signal of interest in the College sheds light on the admission yield. Yield (the percentage of students offered admission that actually enroll) rose from 30 percent two years ago to 37 percent last year.

The unexpected climb in admission yield caused an enrollment this year of over 580 students after the admissions office targeted 525.

Dean Christopher Hooker-Haring will study this number closely as he and the admissions officers decide how many students will receive offers of admission during the upcoming early- and regular-decision rounds.

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Photo by Jeff Baird

The C.A. during open house on Saturday.

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Powder Puff on field

After an exhaustive petition process, powder puff players may just get their wish. Page 7.

120 walk for cancer

The College sent 120 walkers and runners to the Women's 5K, a charity walk for breast cancer. Page 4.

Trolley grant to expire

The grants for the downtown trolley will expire in December and may not be renewed. Until they are, the College will not sponsor a stop. Page 4.

Women first in CC

The women's soccer team holds its first-place position in the Conference. Page 14.

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OP/ED

'Berg Bookshop not an arena to influence behavior

Students can purchase many items for their college lives at the college bookstore; textbooks for their academic classes, clothes to show their school spirit and style, and nostalgic items to provide memories of their college life are some examples. Glassware and gift items with Muhlenberg College or a Greek organization silk screened on the paraphernalia are what students run to the register with to show their school spirit. Unfortunately, these glassware items are no longer stocked at the 'Berg store due to administrative decree. Shot glasses and such items deemed alcoholic receptacles have been packed away in efforts to disinterest students from partaking in alcohol.

In addition to shot glasses, the Cliffs Notes supplementary readings sold at the bookstore have also been removed. This act was seen as a way to cease the reading of the supplementary reading of a number of books assigned for English classes in replacement of the original text at the College.

The discontinuation of shot glasses is meant to follow the trend that the College is in the process of encouraging more non-alcoholic activities on campus. Curbing underage drinking is a responsible action being taking into effect by the College, but to what extent does the 'Berg Bookshop assume the role as an extension of the administration and their judicial regulations?

A bookstore on a college campus caters to students' needs and provides goods to meet the demands of the student body. Simply put, the 'Berg Bookstore is a "store."

Students should have the maturity to make their own decisions and not have a proxy parent to enforce rules over them

At other colleges in the Lehigh Valley, such items in a bookstore are seen as collectibles for students and the administration. The responsibility of teaching students the repercussions of drinking and binge drinking, to a greater extent, is placed with the parents. In addition to students' education on alcohol, the liability of students engaged in such illegal and potentially deadly activities is placed with the students themselves. Despite the purchase of shot glasses from the bookstore (the College), the act of using them for such things falls on the shoulders of the student. Many colleges have enforced similar rules with alcoholic consumption on campus, but have not initiated any attempts to discontinue the selling of shot glasses and other glassware items.

"There doesn't seem to be any upset over the sale of these items, so we sell them," said Paula Coll, an employee at the Lehigh University bookstore. Many students and visitors to the bookstore have purchased shot glasses for nostalgic purposes and as a symbol of their collegiate memories. There have been complaints from faculty and staff, but the bookstore continues to serve their primary customers – the students.

Lehigh has made some adjustments with the glassware over the past few years. "We have moved gift and glassware over to bar-ware to better serve the community," Coll explained.

Lafayette has allowed the selling of shot glasses in their store, but have restrictions on other items sold. Due to security reasons, no candles and picture identification holders are not sold to students. Moravian College sells collectible shot glasses and beer glasses to the student body. "If we get rid of one glass item, we must get rid of both items."

The additional elimination of Cliffs Notes from the 'Berg Bookshop creates a way for professors to force their students to read the assigned texts rather than find a summary through the supplementary reading. However, any student who is worth his or her salt knows that he or she cannot possibly glean the deeper meanings of the text from the mere plot summaries offered in the coveted yellow and black books.

Besides, students can pick up Cliffs Notes from any bookstore or online

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Disconnected youth need to take action

Priscilla Begin
Weekly Columnist

Lying outside, sprawling out on a blanket in the warm autumn sun, I am reminded of what it feels like to it feels like to be young, idealistic and in college. A positive sentiment washes over my body as the sun warms my back. This feeling momentarily masks the usual cynicism present as I gaze at yet another political advertisement gracing the lawn of yet another house. Why am I so disillusioned about the political system? Why do young voters feel so disconnected from politics? Why is it that when questioned about the recent rash of violence in the Middle East almost every student on campus has an opinion, but follow that question with one about voter registration or an absentee ballot and these same students become speechless and reach for excuses?

Why, with one of the smallest voter turnouts in recent years, did only 49% of the eligible electorate vote in the 1996 presidential election? Less than half the population could manage drag themselves to the polls on that first Tuesday in November to cast a vote that determines the fate and direction of our country. According to the US Census Bureau, over 17% of those who did not vote in the 1996 presidential election cited apathy as the only reason. The most likely age group to vote are those between the ages of 55 and 74; 7 out of every 10 of these eligible voters actually voted.

We wonder why one of the most prevalent issues in this year's campaign is social security. If we, in the 18-24 year old age group, could mobilize like the over 50 year old crowd, just imagine what we could get done. In the 1964, '68 and '72 presidential elections, over 50% of the voters in the 18-24 year old age group voted at the height of the some of the most important political and social change of the 20th century.

Who lead the movements to end the Vietnam War and for the equal rights crusade? Young, college-age people! They stormed the streets in protest when they felt that unjust actions were committed and drew attention to important causes through activism. These young people also voted. They cared about the state of their country enough to stand up and take action.

I experienced this type of grassroots organization during my first political rally. Staged in a sold-out Madison Square Garden, the place was electric with enthusiasm. Sixteen thousand young people from all over the East Coast were gathered in support of a candidate whom they felt accurately represented their interests. With the median age at this rally being 24, maybe 25 years old, even I could not help but get caught up in the mania surrounding this event. For one night, the disappointment I felt about the lack of political awareness exhibited by people my age melted away. The line to get into Madison Square Garden that night circled the entire building, with hundreds more waiting inside.

Young people, the same supposedly apathetic and ignorant generation whose voter registration numbers are the lowest in years, were engaging in extensive political debates and helping to form a new political party. The atmosphere in the Garden was one of joy and excitement, a feeling that we could really have an impact on the political system.

Even though I did not support the views of the candidate, I will never forget the experience of my first political rally. For the first time since my initial brush with grassroots politics in high school, I felt a new sense of optimism. Maybe students can take five minutes out of their day to call their town office and order an absentee ballot...maybe the youngest voters can have an impact.

Just because we are young, idealistic and a bit impatient with the political system does not curtail our desire to make a difference. I guess my final plea is simply to vote. Just vote...express any type of opinion at all...just vote.

The lack of civility among the elite

Lucas Tomanelli
Weekly Guest Columnist

I, like many other students came, here to Muhlenberg College for two major reasons: one the academically stimulating environment, and two, the College's reputation as a welcoming, non competitive, non elite society where civility is a key factor on campus. So far I haven't been let down. However, last week a friend of mine informed me of a confrontation on campus during a speech by a guest lecturer that, in many people's opinions, was anything but evident of Muhlenberg's welcoming and civil environment. After being informed of this incident I rushed to the office of the professor who coordinated the lecture, with the express purpose of getting a brief overview of what exactly happened, and to get permission to use it in this editorial. Much to my surprise, the faculty member whom I had no appointment with, discussed the conflict that took place the night before in great detail. Volkmar Schultz (the lecturer), a German journalist who was giving a lecture in Lithgow Auditorium on Germany after WWII was verbally attacked by a professor who had taken offense in some of the speaker's remarks. The professor (no name is necessary), whose family history involves fleeing from Europe during World War II, comes to us as an adjunct from Lafayette College, and has been with the Muhlenberg community for over three years.

As this was a question and answer type presentation, Schultz called on the Muhlenberg faculty member, who lashed out at him with an arsenal of negative, critical comments, one of which was calling Schultz a Nazi.

After hearing this I became enraged. This professor, whom I know is a leading scholar and intellectual in his field, deliberately stood up in the middle of a lecture that was intended for Muhlenberg students and belittled the speaker until one of the Deans summoned for the coordinator to intervene. Now, how could something so ridiculous and unacceptable happen in the middle of a guest lecture? Why couldn't the professor, who of course has the right to disagree, have done it in a more acceptable manner? If his anger fowards the lecturer's comments could've at-least been somewhat restrained, then he might've been able to ask his question in a non-critical fashion, and this conflict wouldn't have begun. I know that the professor's ethnicity did somewhat conflict with the comments being made by the speaker. But even so, couldn't he have at-least tried to restrain his anger and confront Schultz after the lecture? To me, this method seems more legitimate than the one that the professor took.

We have just taken a look at an incident that portrays a lack of civility in an academic environment, but college campuses aren't the only places where people lack civility. Lets take this example and apply it on a broader scale: the American Presidential race. We have the two major candidates, Vice President Al Gore, and Texas Governor George W. Bush. Both are eager to be the next President of the United States, and Everybody knows that there is no better way to decide which candidate they agree with more, than by watching the Presidential debates.

Much to my surprise, during the debates, I noticed that the issues seemed to be put on the back burner while the candidates were in competition to see who could make the other look worse. For example, it seemed obvious to me that George W. Bush was infuriated halfway through the first debate when he was asked twice to wait his turn to speak. After viewing the way Bush had acted over the course of the debate, it was obvious to everyone that Gore had won. In the second debate it seemed that both candidates had traded their attitudes from the first debate, and now it was Gore that came across as being overly aggressive. In terms of arguments, the third debate definitely would've been handed over to Gore, but it was called a tie due to the Vice President invading Governor Bush's space. After witnessing the ludicrous and socially unacceptable behaviors of both candidates, I concluded that civility no longer holds any relevance in American politics. This, to me, poses a serious dilemma. These men are suppose to be ethical, mature, and socially acceptable. Without having our leaders meet these criteria, what kind of future are we looking at?

We live a country where education and politics are contributing factors to the success of our nation. But what do they matter when ethics is no longer an issue? I don't mean to say that every scholar and politician in the United States lacks ethics. What I am trying to say is that there are academic and political elites out there that believe that their prestige and positions in society give them the excuse to operate unethically without considering how their behaviors might affect the way that people view them. I don't care how smart you are, whether you went to Princeton or Podunk, or what type of position that you hold in society. You are a member of a nation where equal treatment and civility are crucial to the people's well being. Act like it!

After all, you wouldn't want to be treated any other way.

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Another look through the queer view mirror

Michael Lerman
Weekly Columnist

From the response I've gotten, I'd say my first column was a success. So thank you to everyone who liked it and congratulated me on a job well done. To those who didn't like it, thank you for not telling me. I'd started writing my second column about the extraneous use of the word "gay," but I realize I'm not the police of the word, and trying to do that would be a great waste of my time and this newspaper's space. I promise I will not make the same mistake that a lot of gay activists do, which is demand political correctness and become stern authority on anything remotely involving gay people or the word "gay." *That*, in my opinion, is threatening. But like I said, just remember to do one thing. *Think.*

I will say this much. As I brought the newspaper back to my room, I noticed on more than a few of the dry-erase boards, words that were usually more crude to the point of, "Joe is gay." Maybe I'm just cynical, but I have a feeling that not all of these messages are accurate. And if they are, why isn't anyone calling me for a date? But seriously, a gay person would probably be more offended than Joe, for whom the insult was intended. Plus, you'll sound a lot more intelligent if you come up with something original than if you spit out the same old stuff like, "Oh yeah? Well you're a fag!"

I should probably thank a friend of mine who raised awareness of my article. I didn't ask him to do it, so don't think that I'm a cutthroat journalist or anything. But I'm glad that I've received such a positive response. I've been told that I was "bold," "courageous," and other such flattery. I was half-surprised to hear this, because all it was for me was sitting down on my computer and typing for twenty minutes. Call me sheltered, but I haven't really had any violent or damaging experiences because of my sexuality, so it was probably less of an issue for me than with other people – even straight people - here. Besides, it's hard for me to imagine that anyone here at Muhlenberg would react worse to finding out that I'm gay than I first did. I'm happy to say that my friends and my parents were understanding about it when I told them. I'm also very happy to say that so far, everyone at Muhlenberg is understanding about it. Not just understanding, but strongly supportive. If you'll take the time to read, I'll keep writing. We can make this a regular weekly column. The sky's the limit. But don't forget, Big Brother is watching.

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retailer. The professors cannot stop it from happening by simply removing the Notes from the College store.

College is a time in every young person's life to mature into a productive, tax-paying individual in society. There are times when students make mistakes, and must learn from them. The college years provide students with the opportunity to learn new things, attempt new feats, "make a difference," and have some fun. However, in many cases, they make more mistakes than they had originally intended.

They can make a choice whether to learn from these mistakes and make an impact on other's lives or to remain the same in the volatility of an unsafe future. Students should have the maturity to make their own decisions and not have a proxy parent to enforce rules over them.

The College has taken great steps towards providing the campus with non-alcoholic activities like "mocktail" events and dry housing for both Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Tau fraternities. This attempt to curb drinking among the student body, however, will undoubtedly curb a student's school spirit with Muhlenberg.

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Who is best fit to lead
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Weekly Discourse: Mideast Conflict

A just "war" or territorial dominance in the name of religion?

Jodi Siegel

Guest Opinion Columnist

News about violence in the Middle East should not be shocking to anyone. However, I think by now most people realize that this is different. The Israeli-Palestinian conflict has risen to an alarming level. For the first time in my life, I am truly scared for the security of Israel.

Almost a year ago I went to Israel for the first time. I thought that it could not be possible that I had such a connection with land that I had never lived on before, but it was. I have a love and a passion for Israel because it is my homeland. I can see why people would fight for the right to live in such a special place.

However, this right was given to both the Jewish people and the Palestinians in 1948. The Palestinians were given a portion of Israel, of which they turned down because it was not all of Israel. The offer that was put on the table for the Palestinians in 1948, was probably the largest offering of land that will ever come their way again. Even now, in the year 2000 Ehud Barak, the Prime Minister of Israel, went against the majority of his own government and offered the Palestinians over 90% of all the land they were asking for. Barak risked losing a Vote of No Confidence and the collapse of his own government all in the name of peace. I am left to conclude that the Palestinians never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity.

I am not so naive to think that Israel has no fault in this current crisis. I do believe there are specific events that I would have handled differently, had I been the Prime Minister, but I am not. However, it is clear that the leader of the Palestinian Authority (PA), Yasser Arafat, and the Palestinian people have no intention of making a peace agreement. The Palestinians have chosen to fight against the Israelis, constantly throwing stones at soldiers. The Palestinians freed terrorist prisoners whose main objective in life is to see the destruction of Israel. They cancelled school, and we watched while the future leaders of the Palestinians joined in the violent acts alongside their parents. Is it possible that Arafat refuses to make peace because he knows his people would not accept it? I do not have an answer. It is critical that the United States support Israel during this crisis. Israel is standing in the middle of countries set upon destroying her. Iraq has already sent aid to the Palestinians and there are reports of Iraqi troops heading in Israel's direction. So, Israel turns to its only ally in the world, us. The United States has always stood by Israel because Israel believes in the same things we do. Let's support the strong friendship the United States and Israel have, and at the same time, pray for peace.

Jodi Siegel is a senior Political Science and History double major.

David M. Sobotkin

Opinion Editor

With the death toll in the most recent Middle East conflict reaching over one hundred, I am drawn to reflect on this tragedy. Seeing the picture of the 12-year-old Mohammed Aldura clinging to his father seconds before being hit by crossfire between Israelis and Palestinians, I am drawn to ask a number of questions. Over what? For what purpose? The answer: for religious imperialism and territorial dominance.

The most catastrophic military actions historically, and in present time, may be attributed wholly, or at least in part, to religion. The current conflict in the former Yugoslavia, the ever-present risk of discord in Southeast Asia, and in the most recent conflict between Israelis and Palestinians are such examples. While such a variable for war is easily identifiable, it is among the most difficult from which to derive a sustainable resolution.

The current attempted U.S. intervention to construct a possible peace in the Middle East is nothing more than naivete. Solutions offered by such diplomats as Madeline Albright merely serve a Band-Aid function not even beginning to address, needless to say attempt to find common ground on, the root cause of this conflict which has lasted millennia. The key to increasing the peace lies not in increased military funding to Israel, nor to Palestinians for that matter, but in establishing diplomatic ties with both sides. If this means recognition of a Palestinian state, so be it. The creation of Israel, like many other failed acts of British nation-forming in the past, e.g., Pakistan, was doomed from the outset. Founded through the dividing of two peoples - Jews and Palestinians - and the resulting preference Britain gave to the post-World War II Jewish settlers resulting in the formation of what is now known as Israel is a direct cause of the current and ongoing conflict. This decision ignorant of the preexisting religious elements in the region give further justification for the total and unilateral recalibration of the nation known as Israel.

Any nation founded in a region irrespective of cohabitating religions, in the name of equality, must provide means for peaceful coexistence or reform entirely. To point to history, such a situation posed substantial problems in Pakistan, previous to the split which formed Pakistan and Bangladesh from eastern and western Pakistan, two regions under one flag deeply divided by religion. Clearly, in the case of Pakistan coexistence was not working; and a split into two soverign nations was necessary - such is warranted today for Israel into a Jewish and a Palestinian state.

The single most prevalent cause of war is indeed religion, which has resulted in both radical action and radial complacency: extreme rogue and military violence coupled with, simultaneously, a drought of feasible policy directives for peace. It not until religion ceases to cloud the judgement of the powers involved which have thus far prevented an objective view at the conflict, a recognition of the Palestinian people as people, this situation will remain unresolved and the current state of war will continue. It is clear that until religious nationalism and territorial dominance on the part of the Israelis is not removed from the equation, there cannot be possible policy directives towards peace. To present, religion has done nothing more than clogged the peace process; and until there some concrete proof one cannot judge a group as the "chosen people" nor act as such. rael is land which was unfairly and ignorantly appropriated for postwar Jews, and as history has shown peace cannot exist without the establishment of two soverign states.

David M. Sobotkin is the Op/Ed Editor and a Political Science and History double major.

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MUHLENBERG COLLEGE

New capital project to include residence halls and renovations

Photo by Emily Pannebaker

Counterclockwise from right: Marianne Glick, George Heitmann, Sam Laposata, Rev. Rosa Key, Tilghman Moyer, John McConomy, Ed Davis, and students Andrew Poag and Jodi Siegel.

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"This is the kind of housing kids who are considering college really look for," Bruckner said. "And the kids who are already here will eat it up."

The College faces slightly larger building costs because the buildings, advertised as overlooking Cedar Creek Park, will lay on a hill, complicating construction.

The Allentown Planning Commission approved plans for the buildings Oct. 10. Costs of the building are not fixed yet because the final costs will depend on city regulations. The College has secured almost all necessary approvals and permits.

The buildings are scheduled to be prepared for the fall, but may not be ready for the beginning of the semester. The twin halls will likely be in the lottery; those living there next year may be housed in temporary housing.

"The buildings will be ready in the fall. If they are not ready for occupancy at the start of the semester, we will have a temporary housing plan in place," Bruckner said.

The College plans to tear down the existing Counseling Center and Health Center to replace it with a curved, glass-faced addition to the Life Sports Center which will overlook the football field and the track.

After the addition, health and counseling facilities will be located in the same building as the sports center.

Treadmills and exercise machines will overlook Scotty Wood Stadium through the glass front. The additional space is needed badly, according to Bruckner, who said that coaches are "in desperate need for space."

The addition will come to alleviate space concerns: coaches now have to share small offices and the weight room and exercise areas are overcroded in the afternoon and during lunch periods.

"To have any progress, you have to have a little distraction."

Michael Bruckner,
Vice President, Public Relations

Renovations to Seegers Union will include a three-sided expansion.

The kitchen area, which was originally designed to serve 600 students per meal and now serves 1,200 students per meal, will see a significant expansion.

About 150 extra seats will be added to the Garden Room. The General's Quarters, which was renovated for last fall, will not be changed.

There will be a "slight increase in bookstore space," Bruckner said.

The most significant changes will come downstairs in student offices: Academic Support services and Career Development will see "major space," Bruckner said. There will also be room for more student offices.

"We're probably going to do something to the Red Door to make it more event-oriented," Bruckner said.

The renovations will be designed so that people on the upper floor can see downstairs.

Renovations for Seegers Union will take two summers and one full academic year, according to Bruckner.

This raises the age-old argument that students living on campus will suffer the distractions of construction, but will not be here to reap the benefits of the expansion.

"There should be very little disruption," Bruckner stressed. "Absolutely everything will be done with as little distraction as possible."

Diane Reilley, a sophomore, thinks the expansion is necessary and is welcoming of the construction, as long as it is not too intrusive.

"Dorms are necessary; so far we've experienced no disruption. As long as they aren't too disruptive, I don't see the construction as a problem."

"I think the College is overshooting its goals," said Alex Silverman, a sophomore. "I'm not sure if it is to compensate for what they have done."

"To have any progress, you have to have a little distraction," Bruckner said.

"It's probably going to be a pain with Seegers and the Health Center closed right in the middle of things," Silverman said.

The College plans to be done with capital expansion and building projects for 10 to 15 years after the $70 million project is complete.

But the destruction of MacGregor Village, long on the College's to-do list, is not part of this campaign.

The College investigated that space as a possible location for the twin residence buildings, but would have to sacrifice the 56 beds in MacGregor while constructing the 140-bed complex. MacGregor Village was built 20 years ago as temporary hosuing.

Of the $70 million, about $25 million (or whatever is left after the building projects that cost between $10 million and $15 million each) will go to expand the endowment.

The endowment, now almost $90 million, is used for scholarships, financial aid and professor chairmanships.

With every nod of expansion, students tense with concerns of ballooning enrollment. This is the first year that over 2,000 students are enrolled, though fewer are on campus at any given time.

"President Taylor and everyone on the management team is very aware of enrollment issues," Bruckner said. "The key is to maintain the current student experience. If it weren't for the students, we wouldn't have jobs."

Trustees address student life and curriculum

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men to bring cars to campus next year. The class of 2005, however, will only be issued parking permits when they are juniors and seniors, unless they have a medical excuse or a commuter job.

Another topic at the forefront of student concern discussed at the meeting was not the College's decision to strip the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity of its recognition, but rather the effect it has had on the upperclassmen, "especially those who are ATO brothers," Siegel said.

The apparent change in the mood of upperclassmen upon the College's withdrawal of recognition of ATO is something the Board is familiar with.

Most trustees were either members of the board or were active participants in other facets of the community when the College experienced similar problems with Phi Kappa Tau and Zeta Beta Tau fraternities. "They understand the feelings that each student goes through," said Siegel.

Siegel was relieved that the Board addressed concerns about green space and was confident that the College would not intrude on green space, notably that in front of the College Center and in the rear of Egner Chapel.

Students are consistently concerned that building projects would infringe upon green space, or grassy areas, on campus.

"I know that [the Board is] not trying to expand Muhlenberg into anything bigger than they have."

Siegel also thought the Board was "very responsive" to hers and Poag's input.

College buildings get view of park, but park gets view of buildings, too

Photo by Jeff Baird

The view of Benfer from Cedar Creek Park. The new buildings would be to the left of Benfer.

Through the willow trees in Cedar Creek Park, Keith Wilson, sporting sunglasses and a sweater vest in fall weather, could just barely see Benfer Hall and the Trexler Pavillion.

"In general terms, in the U.S., there's too much building," Wilson, who lives in Easton, said. "We need to preserve more grass and stuff."

He thinks that the College's building projects are "just one man's ego trying to project itself."

"I am against the President's expansion of Muhlenberg College," said MaryAnn Kusko, who lives a few blocks away from Cedar Creek Park, and who has taken classes at the College.

"I think more foresight should have been used in planning any growth, she said."

The campus is generally shielded from the park's view. But anyone walking can't help but notice Trexler Pavillion, with air ducts and a rear that is decidedly not as pretty as the front.

The next building project will be two high-rise residence halls to the west (uptown) side of Benfer.

The buildings will likely not be a major intrusion on the park, as they will also be shielded from view by the willow trees.

But it is another bone of contention the College has with a community that is growing ever impatient.

Most recently, the College has protested an ordinace blocking more than two students from living in a single-dwelling house.

OFF CAMPUS

University of Pennsylvania—Because of the violence in the Middle East, the University of Pennsylvania has told its students that its international studies program would not accept credit from Israel in the spring. Further to discourage its students from studying there, the office did not forward applications to the program, due Oct. 15.

Northwestern University—A student technology manager at Northwestern University's technology office redirected visitors to the a University web site to a Ralph Nader web site last Tuesday. He said the trick was a "friendly debate-day prank."

Allentown, Pa.—Richard Thomas Ray III, 27 of Allentown, was charged recently with endangering the welfare of a child and recklessly endangering another person after he left a loaded gun in his 3-year old child's room. His son shot himself in the leg with the gun.

Bethlehem, Pa.—City residents were alarmed this week when they found posters encouraging Lehigh Valley members to join the Ku Klux Klan. The posters said that "It's time to become part of the solution instead of the pollution" and said that George Washington was a white supremacist. The Keystone Knights Imperial Wizard, the leader of the local KKK chapter, is Barry E. Black.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Showers	Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 70 Low 46	High 60 Low 36	High 58 Low 35

PHOTO BY EMILY PANNEBAKR

120 of the 4,000 participants in Saturday's Women's 5K Classic were from the College.

120 walk for breast cancer benefit

By Allison Curd
Assistant News Editor

Students and faculty numbering 120 joined together in a walk and a run against breast cancer Saturday. The annual Womens 5K Classic was held at the Lehigh Parkway and many Muhlenberg students were involved after an assertive publicity campaign.

Senior Juliet Kholi worked in conjunction with the Director of Community Service, Valerie Lane, to coordinate the student participation in the race. The 5K Classic was open to all women in the community.

Many nearby companies and colleges put forth a team to compete. The College had the third largest team in the Lehigh Valley with a total of 120 walkers and runners; 20 were members of the faculty. Air Products and PP&L had the largest teams.

The purpose of involving students in breast cancer awareness is to help them be cognizant of early detection symptoms and preventive self breast exams. Kholi and Lane also strove to encourage the students to raise money for breast cancer research.

In order to participate in the 5K Classic, each student had to raise a minimum of $20. Many raised more. In total, the College raised $3,000 for breast cancer research. Many men around campus, although not permitted to race, donated money as well.

The nearly 4,000 women racing raised over $100,000 for breast cancer research. Saturday, Sept. 21 brought sunshine, a cloudless sky and almost 4,000 women together at the Lehigh Parkway to join together for a common cause.

This was the largest turnout in the history of the 5K Classic.

Kholi said, "The turnout was unbelievable. I wasn't shocked by all of the support from Muhlenberg, just overwhelmed. I was very pleased with the outpouring of enthusiasm."

Lane, a breast cancer survivor, aided Kholi in the organization of a Muhlenberg team to compete in the race. Lane and her daughter were on hand at the race as well to speak to the 4,000 participants about their personal experiences with how breast cancer has touched their lives.

"To me, the race meant a lot; to have so many people support something so close to me was overwhelming," Lane said.

Grant for trolley to expire; stop not likely

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

The trolley that runs from the west end to downtown Allentown may not be endorsed by Administration, according to Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, because funding for the service is due to end in December.

The driver of the trolley was making an unscheduled stop near campus when students requested it; ADIDA was informed of the stop, and then proposed that the College pay $150 a month to sponsor the trolley and make a scheduled stop on campus.

But because "the state of the trolley is up in the air," according to Ehrenberg, and the trolley's vitality does not depend on the College, he does not want to support it now just to have it taken away. He is "apprehensive" of the trolley in the first place; before it can officially stop on campus, ADIDA must set up a reliable schedule, ensure that only those 21 and over can ride, and must always have someone other than the driver present en route.

With Administration's encouragement, Student Council is developing a Designated Driver program, "regardless of a trolley or no trolley," said Student Body President Jodi Siegel.

Bruce Gover Jr./Business Briefing

Investors rewarded, but still wary of tech stocks

Those investors who went into last weekend hoping that strength with which the market closed last week would continue got their wish.

Monday the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 45.87 points to 10271.72. Two blue chip companies posted better than expected earnings reports, and have been given credit for helping initiate Monday's gains.

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M) and SBC Communications topped Wall Street forecasts and powered the Dow Jones to its third positive session in as many days. This positive climb for the Dow has followed six straight losing weeks.

Honeywell International also gave a positive boost, General Electric offered to buy out the aerospace equipment maker for a reported $45 billion. Despite the Dow's gains, the Nasdaq fell 13.81 points to 3469.80 after two previous days of gains. The fall of both Oracle and Microsoft sparked the drop. Many investors still believe that much of the technology sector is still over-valued. Nasdaq investors will focus closely on Amazon.com, Compaq Computer and Verisign, as all three will report third quarter earnings this week.

One of the biggest news stories of the last two weeks was that Lucent Technologies, a company that has disappointed investors every quarter this year, has fired its chairman and CEO Richard McGinn.

The company named an interim replacement while the board searches for new talent to fill its top spot. The company's Board of Directors is said to have met this past weekend in order to review the company's recent performance and the outlook for the current quarter. At the close of this meeting, the Board is said to have determined that an immediate change in leadership was needed.

Many investors familiar with Lucent are happy with the decision. Many felt that McGinn failed to understand the company's problems in addition to not communicating well with investors. Lucent named Henry Schacht as its interim CEO. Schacht was the companies original CEO from 1995 to 1997 after the company was spun off from AT&T.

The telecom equipment maker first experienced problems in January when it stunned investors after it reported that it would miss revenue targets for the first quarter. This caused the stock to lose an amazing $23 billion in one day. The stock dropped another 19% in July after a warning that the company would miss its next two earnings forecasts. The stock has since fallen 72% from its 52-week high of $84.18. The recent problems have risen from declining sales in the company's older products in addition to having lost major equipment contracts in Saudi Arabia.

Experts believe the companies biggest problem is that it has not moved fast enough into a form of fiber optics technology called OC-192. Nortel Networks now dominate this market. Henry Schacht, the new interim chairman and CEO retired as CEO form Lucent in 1998.

Campus Safety Notes

Compiled by Brian Talbott

Oct.16 - Suspicious person - A suspicious person was reported in the Trexler Library and was verbally warned to stay off the property.

Oct. 16 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off at 316 N. 26th St. due to cooking.

Oct. 16 - Harassment - A non-student was given a letter of trespass in Walz Hall.

Oct. 17 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off at N. 23rd St. due to shower steam.

Oct. 17 - Fire Alarm - A dirty fire detector was the cause of a fire alarm sounding in Benfer Hall.

Oct. 18 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off on 23rd St. due to shower steam.

Oct. 18 - Alcohol violation - A non student was issued a letter of trespass in Walz Hall.

Oct. 19 - Alcohol Violation - A student was referred to the Dean in Walz Hall.

Oct. 19 - Vandalism - A person hit the ballard in front of Trexler Library.

Oct. 19 - Criminal Mischief - A broken pool stick was found in Prosser Hall.

Oct. 19 - Harassment by communication - A non student is under investigation.

Oct. 19 - Suspicious person - A suspicious person was issued a letter of trespass after trespassing in the Trexler Library.

Oct. 20 - Injured student - A student suffered a knee injury in Prosser.

Oct. 20 - Theft - A wallet was stolen from the fourth floor of Martin Luther.

Oct. 20 - Theft - Items were stolen from a room in Prosser Hall.

Oct. 20 - Trashing - Someone dumped styrofoam packing material on Chew St.

Oct. 20 - Theft of sticker - A parking sticker was stolen from the Benfer lot.

Oct. 21 - Fire alarm - Food on a stove was the cause of an activated fire alarm at 428 Albright St.

Oct. 22 - Disturbance - A non student was issued a letter of trespass at the library.

Oct. 22 - Alcohol violation - A student caught with alcohol on the Back Dr. was referred to the Dean.

Oct. 22 - Fire alarm - Steam from a shower caused the fire alarm to go off at 2442 Tilghman.

Oct. 22 - Injured student - A student suffered a leg injury at the football stadium.

Oct. 22 - Fire alarm - Steam from a shower.

Erber may break his resistance to petition

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Stephen Erber, Director of Athletics, may have broken his steadfast resistance to students petitioning for powder puff football to perform on the fooball field during the parents weekend halftime show.

Over 500 students, more than a quarter of everyone on campus, have signed a petition to move the powder puff game, originally scheduled for the soccer field at half time, to the main field.

First among Erber's objections was the engagement of a high school band, which would play during the entire game, including the fifteeen minute halftime show.

But Erber said in a vague, eleventh-hour statement Tuesday that the high school band he had originally invited will not perform.

He did not specify what would be on the field, nor did he inform powder puff players that they may have the field.

He did not say what factors went into his apparent reversal of position.

His brief statement, released hours before The Weekly went to press Tuesday, read: "There will not be a band for the Nov. 4 football game. Other activities, such as powder puff football, may take place at half-time on the field."

The powder puff football game features women playing football and men cheerleading. When the parents' weekend schedule was printed earlier this month, it listed the game on the soccer field, which is adjacent to the Marino Field.

Many players objected to this scheduling, arguing that it would be inconvenient for parents to move to the soccer field for a brief event before returning to the game.

Erber argued in a statement last week that "to have a high school band perform at half-time, is part of an effort directed at enhancing the atmosphere and excitement" of the game.

Jodi Siegel, who organized the effort to petition Erber, said that the game was a prioritization of high school kids over students at the College playing before their parents.

"I think this is a students' right issue," Siegel said. "It has to do with the Muhlenberg administration putting its students first."

"It is not a prioritization of a high school group over a Muhlenberg student group, as it is being portrayed," Erber said, "but rather a prioritization of one...student group (the football team) over another... (Powder Puff) all directed at enhancing the football playing experience of Muhlenberg students."

But Siegel said a compromise was possible. And it seems now that the powder puff players may get their spot on the field after all.

"I'm really excited the Administration has realized Muhlenberg students come before high school students," Siegel said. "I think that our parents will enjoy seeing us during halftime."

Siegel said the Board of Trustees talked about powder puff football during lunch on Thursday.

Though the Board did not resolve the issue, both it and the College Administration weighed both sides.

Erber did not disclose whether the Trustees' conversation had any effect on his decision.

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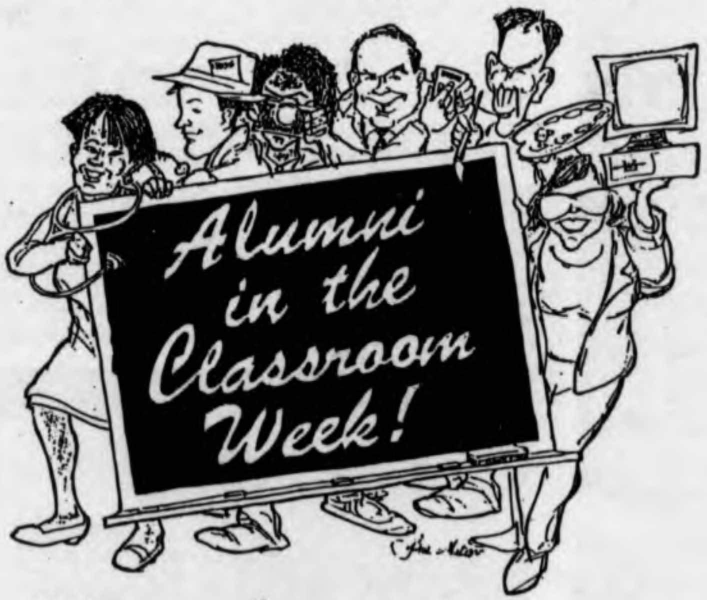
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Correction

Because of an editing error, an article last week incorrectly identified elected representatives and officers of the freshman class.

They are: President, Tyler Holmberg; Vice President, Michael Geller; Secretary, Mala Tanna; Treasurer, Robyn Duda; Representatives, Catina Crismale, Meredith Hamson, Nikolay Pandoursky, Michael Saratovsky, Andy Winkler and Mat Wolfson.

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Ad Council
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331 families crowd campus for Admission open house

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"We have been trying to be very very careful about offers of admission," he said at a Student Council meeting recently.

Applicants are expected to face a tougher field this year, raising the stakes of competition and placing more emphasis on early decision.

The admissions office has long emphasized the importance of early decision, as those are the students for whom the College is a first choice.

Interviews conducted Saturday at open house indicate a wide variety of applicants.

Some visitors, like Kirsten Durham, a high school senior from Glastonbury, Conn., will apply to the College under its early decision plan. Durham stayed over night Thursday and visited this summer for a tour and interview.

"It's a good school academically, but also people know how to have fun," she said.

Dave Gurak of Wyckoff, N.J. said that he is looking for "a smaller college with people who care." The College "fits [that image] very well," he said. Gurak will apply to Susquehanna University and James Madison University, as well as to Muhlenberg.

Eric Bolyard, a senior from Glencove, N.Y., said that he is "still trying to figure out" what he's looking for in a college.

The impressions were not all glowing, however. Some said that they were looking for "diversity" and a centrally located school.

"It's a very white school," said one parent, adding hastily, "not that we have anything against white people."

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Susan Norling shows students information on study aborad.

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Cliffs Notes and shot glasses disappear from shelves

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Miller found that not only was there little objection to removing them, but also that there were also very few lukewarm opinions on the issue.

Miller cited a reason to the overwhelming decision for removal is that "Cliffs' Notes are written for the high school level and offer little to college courses."

Miller also acknowledged that Cliffs Notes could bring extra revenue into the bookstore but profit is not the most important motive. The needs of the students come first, Miller said.

Miller makes the final decision over what is sold in the bookstore and what is not. Profit is not his motive in this or in any case, though revenue from the bookstore helps to cover some operating costs.

"I was originally for keeping the Cliffs Notes in the bookstore, but after seeing the opinions against them, I felt removing them was the right thing to do," said Miller.

"There are better outlets available to the students who are having trouble with the books they are reading such as academic services or their teachers," he said.

This involves the sale of shot glasses in the bookstore. It has been brought to the bookstore's attention that these objects should be removed.

Mike Bruckner, Vice President for Public Relations said "the removal of shot glasses from the bookstore is just a rumor."

But Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, has questioned the appropriateness of selling shot glasses in the bookstore, though he said a decision "has not been made" about the glasses.

"We have consistently taken a position to work with all people to stop the abuse of alcohol on this campus," Ehrenberg said. "And that means stopping things like drinking games."

"I don't see the shot glasses as a message for alcohol but should they become that, they will be removed from the bookstore," Miller said.

Ehrenberg said that the College should not promote drinking on a student's 21st birthday.

The 'Berg Bookshop also sells beer mugs.

There was some confusion, however, on whether or not the shot glasses should be on the shelves. Tuesday afternoon, both Ehrenberg and Bruckner said that the College did not pull the glasses from the shelves.

But the shelves in the bookstore were stacked with candles, beer mugs and other trinkets--but the shot glasses were nowhere to be found. The 'Berg Bookshop said that they were not sold out of the shot glasses.

Amid confusion, there were no shot glasses on bookstore shelves Tuesday.

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Been there, done that...

October 20, 2000
Octoberfest was held on the East quad. Dinner was served while the band Love Seed Mama Jump played.

October 21, 2000
Students and faculty participated in the Women's 5k Classic for breast cancer.

October 21, 2000
The senior citizen's prom was held in Moyer Hall. About 30 senior citizens attended with over 100 students.

Coming up...

October 26-29, 2000
The production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will continue with performances throughout this weekend in the Black Box.

October 26-29, 2000
The production of "Little Shop of Horrors" will open this weekend in Baker theater. Tickets are sold out.

October 27-29, 2000
The movie *Shaft* will be shown in the Red door at 7 p.m. this weekend.

October 31, 2000
Peter Jordon will be in the Garden Room at 9 p.m. to tell Ghost stories.

October 23-Nov.22, 2000
The Muhlenberg College Health Center will sponsor its annual Flu Immunization Program. Shots will be administered in the Health Center between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The cost is $7.

A Break in the Bubble...

Secretary of State Madeline Albright reports that "important progress" has been made in convincing North Korea to "restrain" missle development and testing.

President Clinton will sign a bill in private which will provide healthcare for thousands of women with breast cancer.

From Symbolism to the Subconscious

Steinberg takes 'Midsummer' production to new level

By Rebekka Schnell
Head Copy Editor

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare captures the image of fairies, spirits, lovers, kings, and queens. Roy Steinberg's production of this play takes these images to a whole different level, where the theme is that our subconscious creates our reality.

The play begins with a slow-motion fight between Hippolyta and Theseus. This symbolizes the ever-present battle of the sexes. This theme stays the entire length of the show.

In the next scene, the lovers are introduced. The bond between Lysander (Rafael Bish) and Hermia (Emily Kreider) is both strong and sweet. Egeus' contempt for the situation regarding his daughter conveyes frustration and exasperation.

The relationship between the Theseus/Oberon and Hippolyta/Titania characters is at first surprising, but turns out to make perfect sense within the context of the play. Jamie Scalese's personality explodes as Titania and brings out the subconscious reality of her character. Michael J. Bernstein as Oberon is standard and unimaginative.

The fairy realm was by far the most intriguing aspect of the production. Each fairy had a distinct, strong character. The lullaby scene with Titania's fairies is particularly inventive and surprising. It is mischievous and eerie instead of fairy-like.

Using the Jungian world of symbols works to create an effective coming-together of the sexes in the end, symbolized by the fairies' dance at the conclusion of the show.

Overall the fairies had tremendous physicality. They had many connections and moments with each other which made the show very enjoyable and that much more personable. Also, their creation of the court was effective and synthesized the play. Using the Jungian world of symbols works to create an effective coming-together of the sexes in the end, symbolized by the fairies' dance at the conclusion of the show.

Puck (Matt Kelley) dominated by being manly and mischievous. "His understanding of the character was apparent, but his physicality didn't always connect. He portrayed Puck as more of a man than a sprite," said audience member Kristin Hannings.

The players were comical and jubilant. Tom Snout (Stephen Soroka) particularly stood out with his commendable focus.

What sticks out in this production is the attention to detail in all aspects-set, costumes, and make-up especially. The women even wore the same color nail polish. The credit goes to the fairies that create and maintain the atmosphere throughout the entire midsummer night's dream.

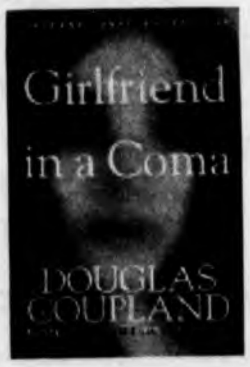
Some reading I don't mind doing...

By Beth Freeman
Contributing Writer

Here is a review of the top four books that influenced my life the most.

1. *Girlfriend in a Coma* (Douglas Coupland): Coupland, my favorite modern novelist, seriously questions the nature of mankind and the present state of society, yet does so through such a uniquely humorous style. He creates characters who fill their seemingly empty lives with an unhealthy wealth of pop-culture knowledge and philosophical conversation. It's no wonder why I relate to his characters so well. This is probably most people's least favorite Coupland novel (it's definitely the weirdest), so beginners, please read Generation X or Microserfs first. This book has most influenced me, however, because it asks the question, "What would we do if no one could see us? If no one were watching, would our actions matter?

2. *The Poisonwood Bible* (Barbara Kingsolver): In her most thought-provoking novel, Kingsolver explores the minds of four American women living in the Congo, under the influence of their oppressive missionary husband and father. No other novel has made me question my faith in God, in the United States government, and in human nature more. If you have read her other novels (please do - they're excellent), you'll be pleased at how she applies her incredible skills of characterization to tackle such a difficult subject. Even Oprah dedicated a whole show to how this book has changed the lives of so many people.



3. *World Hunger: Twelve Myths* (Frances Moore Lappe, et al): Sometimes I wish I could be in the Miss America Pageant just so I could say, "I want to end world hunger, and here's how I'll do it" (also, I'd like to be the first person to sing a Pearl Jam medley for the talent competition). This book does

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Meeting McGee at Croc. Rock

By Andy Winkler and John Schmidt
Contributing Writers

Virginia's Pat McGee Band graced the stage at Allentown's club, Crocodile Rock on Sept. 27. Before the night's performance, we had a chance to sit down and ask Pat McGee a few questions concerning their new album, current tour, and future plans. The band, which has been touring almost constantly, is very pleased with their current run of shows. They have recently been playing a combination of clubs and small amphitheaters across the country, opening for the Allman Brothers Band as well as Sister Hazel.

Pat McGee said, "We have been having a great time on the road over the last few months, and we are looking forward to this summer's tour. We are hoping to package ourselves with another band for an all amphitheater tour."

With the recent release of a new album, *Shine*, on Giant Records, a joint venture with Warner Brothers Records, the band has just finalized plans for their second single "Rebecca." At this time, they have yet to shoot a video for the tune, but it has been receiving a lot of play on the radio. When asked about the song, McGee commented, "There actually is no Rebecca, she is just a compilation of many different people that have been involved in my life...I wrote it a long time ago in 1994."

While discussing the new album McGee mentioned that "Each track is unique but 'Shine' is one that I personally enjoy. We have worked so hard on all the tracks that each one has some significance." Outside of their album, McGee claimed, "I have been listening to a lot of different music while on the road. Big Head

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Pat McGee Band reaches out to the fans

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Todd, Back in Black, Maxwell, and Travis have all been in my CD player this tour."

Outside of the new album and current tour, McGee was extremely clear about his feelings on Mp3s and Napster. Overall he felt that typical studio cuts should not be available for free download. In his opinion, "It's like taking a piece of art work and giving it away. We have spent a lot of money and time on the album."

Although he was not very enthusiastic about downloading studio recordings of the band's songs, he did say that fans should be able to record live performances and trade these recordings freely, both on the internet and through the mail.

With such a very busy schedule, McGee was very generous with his time and is constantly willing to reach out to his fans. After the night's performance, the band took some time to talk with fans, sign autographs, and take requests.

The band is having a great time on the road and has been playing some truly intense sets. As the tour continues throughout the year, take the opportunity to catch them live.

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The Pat McGee band played at the local club Crocodile Rock at the end of September.

Fraternity gives back to community

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

The pledging activities on Saturday afternoon were much different than the types of activities AEPi pledges were used to. Pledges and brothers met seven mentally challenged kids from the Allentown area and attended the Mules football game with them.

"It allowed me to see a different side of pledging," Jason Carr '03, a pledge, said. "It was nice to see more of the community service side of it."

The afternoon was planned by pledge Mikey Tripaldi '03. He found out that the students would be attending the football game through Chaplain Peter Bredlau, and decided that this would be something the brothers and pledges would enjoy doing. The brothers and pledges told jokes and kept the kids company.

Tripaldi, who also plays the Mule during the football games, thought that it was important for the brothers and pledges to give something back to the community.

"We strive to give back to the community what the community gives to us," he said. The brothers and pledges spent over 2 two hours with the kids and was deemed a success.

"I played games with the kids as the mule," Tripaldi said. "They all had a great time; I saw smiles all around."

Four books that changed my life

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just that. Not only does it dispel commonly believed myths (no, it's not caused by overpopulation nor is it a necessity for others to be well off), but it also gives practical solutions about how to end it. This book, along with Poisonwood, has caused my obsession with Ralph Nader, my addiction to C-SPAN, and my decision for a future career.

4. *Ecclesiastes, The Bible* (King Solomon): Do you ever wish that some great voice from above would just tell you the meaning of life? Well, the voice exists, and it speaks through King Solomon. How encouraging to know that one man living thousands of year ago came to the same conclusion I have come to today: the things of this world are ultimately meaningless. What the world claims to bring happiness will not fill that void I feel in my heart. If you want to read ahead to Solomon's great conclusion, read Eccl. 12:13.

Barbara Kingsolver
The Poisonwood Bible

Poetry Corner

Perplexed

Perplexed am I
the way they sound
the upward Jiggle
the bounce down
soft as a feather
light as a dove
eyes like the horizon
I swore it was love
and i still don't
know
Do U?
are you perplexed?

Contributed by Ronny Sims

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A look at... Talib Kweli and DJ Hi Tek

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Columnist

The arrival of the debut album by Talib Kweli and DJ Hi Tek, otherwise known as the band Reflection Eternal, marks the beginning of a new era in hip hop. This is an extremely bold statement, but with *Train of Thought*, Reflection Eternal makes a hip hop album that can rock a party as well as any Jay Z, record and educate as well as any Bob Dylan record. This is not an easy task, especially in the extremely judgmental climate of hip hop culture, where it seems that giving a shout out to your mother mid verse might not be the "hippest" thing to do.

Talib Kweli, who is also in the group Black Star with the more camera-friendly, and nonetheless amazing MC Mos Def, has always concerned his lyrics with themes of remembrance. The name Kweli chose for himself and his DJ, Hi Tek, speaks to this. He called the duo Reflection Eternal because he wanted his music to be a reflection of all the influences that make up his identity.

This idea is important in that the duo's debut, *Train of Thought*, literally streams through listeners' ears, forcing them to remember. The amazing thing about the record is that it never comes off as dogmatic or preachy and Kweli manages to maintain his "street cred," too. This is due to Kweli's versatility as an MC. His subject matter is always relevant, whether he is talking about the relationship between choices and death in "Good Mourning" or the limits of language in "Love Language".

On the closing track of the record, the duo makes a hip hop version of Nina Simone's classic song, "Four Women," proving that Kweli is not just full of empty words about knowing one's history. He actually practices what he preaches.

Reflection Eternal marks the beginning of a new era in hip hop...Kweli's skill as a lyricist manages to capture the racial urgency that made the original such a standout.

Where "For Women" (spelled differently for the Reflection version) had the potential of coming off cheesy and irrelevant, Kweli's skill as a lyricist manages to capture the racial urgency that made the original such a standout. Even on a common topic like the state of commercial hip hop music, Kweli manages to shed new light with masterfully sincere lyrics, "These cats drink champagne / to toast death and pain / like slaves on a ship / talkin' 'bout who got the illest chain" ("African Dream").

In fact, just about every song on *Train of Thought* has differing subject matter, which is a feat considering that most other MCs have a hard time juggling three, much less the twenty or so that make up *Train*.

Kweli's lyrics are not the only amazing thing about *Train of Thought*. The production is also top notch because of the "soon to be legendary like Premier" beats by Hi Tek. What's amazing about his beats are how well they compliment Kweli's delivery. The beats weave in and out, working cleverly alongside Kweli to snatch the listener's ear.

After just one listen to *Train of Thought*, one knows that Kweli and Hi Tek put as much thought into making it as the record demands of its listeners. Many hip hop fans thought that Kweli could not possibly make an equal or better record than his contemporary, Mos Def.

With *Train of Thought*, Kweli and Hi Tek make a colorful debut that will no doubt be looked upon as a hip hop classic, much like our generation looks to the historic debuts of A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul, and Gangstarr.

Courtesy of www.yahoo.com

Talib Kweli and DJ Hi Tek welcome the "beginning of a new era" in hip hop with *Train of Thought*.

Talking plants and doo-wop girls

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

Tonight brings about the preview show of this year's production of "Little Shop of Horrors," a show in which the star is, well, a huge talking plant. The small cast, composed of nine students, has been rehearsing for the past two months.

"It's really exciting," Cheryl Galaga '01 said. "The cast is so wonderful; there are students from every class, and it's been great working with Bill Sanders, our director."

Sanders is the guest director of the show, having worked in New York and for Muhlenberg Summer Theater. He is joined by Jamie Harkins '01 as the stage manager and Ken Butler as the musical director.

Photo by Abbi Sharofsky

Members of the cast rehearse for the upcoming performances of "Little Shop of Horrors."

Dave Bish '03 plays the lead male role of Seymour, an insecure, kindly, florist's clerk. Galaga plays the Marilyn Monroe-love interest heroine of the show, who also must deal with ending an abusive relationship.

"For me, it's a challenging role," she said. "We didn't want to make it funny. The biggest thing we have to remember is that these are tragic characters. It's hard because I'm used to playing the part of a strong, bold female."

The preview show begins at 8 p.m. tonight. Tickets are available at the box office, or ext. 3333.

life movie listings
October 27-29

AMC Tilghman 8

Pay it Forward
Fri.— 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 8:10

Bedazzled
Fri.—4:50, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.— 1:50, 4:50, 7:40

Meet the Parents
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 8:10

Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadow
Fri.—5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.— 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.—2:00 5:00, 8:20

The Contender
Fri.—4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.- 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun - 1:00, 4:00, 8:00

Remember the Titans
Fri.—4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sat.—1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10; Sun.—1:30, 4:30,8:15

Lucky Numbers
Fri—4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sat.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sun.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:50

Drunken Master II
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 8:00

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Bedazzled
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Pay it Forward
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:30, 4:05, 7, 9:40

Legend of Drunken Master
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Lost Souls
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:30, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Exorcist
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1, 4, 6:40, 9:30 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Meet the Parents
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25

Lucky Number
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:45 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Remember the Titans
Fri. Sat., and Sun.— 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 9:35

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.— midnight

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

Aries 3/21 – 4/19

Your run on the fast track early in the week could be undermined by routine responsibilities blocking your path. Rushing through the details, however, may not be the best approach. Errors may claim back any time you save.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You are able to influence your environment in very positive ways and help everyone revisit feelings of childhood. You'll be able to find a solution to a puzzle that has been stumping you; your creativity allows you to see it in a different light.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

It may be better to focus on putting your nose to the grindstone and leave relationships until later in the week when things should go smoother. If you're single, romance could come knocking in the most unexpected of places, so get ready.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Expect smooth sailing with schoolwork and personal fronts, with good communication all around. Your focus may be on working out the smaller details of some larger plans or projects and generally getting things in order.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Your more inward focus gives way when your significant warmth and gregarious charm attracts friends and admirers. If you're single, a new admirer could turn romantic, so look your best.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

It's a good time to initiate new plans and projects and organize details. The focus is on relationships as communication explores new depths and things heat up.

Libra 9/23-10/22

There's too much going on in your life to even think about hiding yourself away right now. Mistakes are easily made, but easily corrected if you catch them soon enough. Nothing is unforgivable, but it's better if you don't make the mistake in the first place.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Spending time solo may be necessary in order to make sense of all the things in your mind. You have much intensity and magnetism Friday and Saturday.

With everyone admiring you, there's little you won't be able to accomplish or create.

Sagittarius 11-22-12/21

Expect loads of positive attention from friends and admirers who all want to bask in your light. If you're single, let a certain someone know your feelings — they're quite likely to be returned.

Pay attention to your dreams – they could provide some interesting insights.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

Things are running smoothly with your long-term assignments thus far. However, be ready for possible delays and minor obstacles, keeping you treading water on projects. On the social front, friends are likely to steer you to good times over the weekend.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Stepping outside your usual social circles could bring new acquaintances with new perspectives. Make an effort to connect rather than remaining distant and you could broaden your horizons.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Relationships of all kinds are the focus early week. Make room to be influenced and be willing to be accepting where you usually offer criticism. You may be inclined to call in a favor owed to you when old issues pop up yet again.

A different kind of 'Senior Prom'

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

Ever see Rudy Ehrenberg do the hokey pokey? Saturday night over 100 students were treated to Ehrenberg's dancing, while helping with the senior citizen's prom. Aliza Vitberg '01 organized the prom after having done it in high school. A total of about 30 senior citizens from Phoebe nursing home and Muhlenberg Alumni attended the prom in Moyer Hall.

"I thought it went really well," Vitberg said. "For those that attended, it was a really great time."

Though it was sponsored by the Community Service, many other organizations helped with the night. Cardinal Key, Student Council, several Greek organizations, and SHARE were among the clubs that danced with the senior citizens.

"We had the entertainment job," Lindsey Goldstein '03, Student council member, said. "I was impressed by the number of students who came to the event."

The prom was deemed a success due to the large turnout. Administrators are looking for a repeat performance in the spring.

"It was a nice way to bridge the gaps between the generations," Vitberg said.

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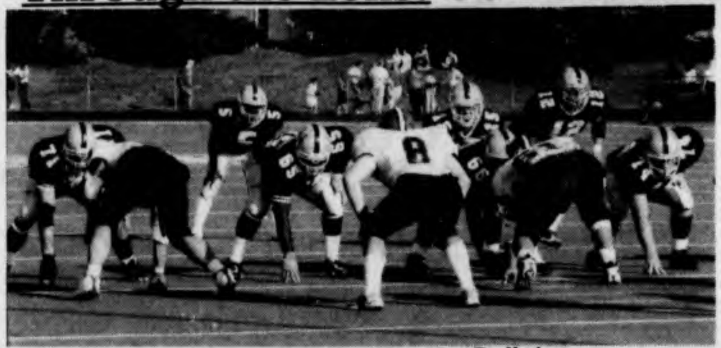
SUNDAY NIGHT: SHAFT the MOVIE 7pm Red Door

HALLOWEEN: GHOST STORIES in Moyer Forum
By Peter Jordan
8-11

Through the Lens: Go Football!


The Mules getting ready to bite the Bullets.

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Men's soccer drops a close one to the Green Terror

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tory, while the Mules' Rob Pomento was credited with four saves.

The Mules' record fell to 7-5 overall, 4-2 in the Centennial Conference. While the victory boosted Western Maryland to 8-6-1 and improved their conference record to 3-3, the loss set the Mules back two full games behind conference leader Johns Hopkins. Muhlenberg will now need outside help, hoping for Johns Hopkins to fall if they are to stay within the hunt for the Centennial Conference title.

The Mules hope to rebound from the loss with Centennial Conference match-ups against Franklin & Marshall and Swarthmore this week. The team's final home game will be played Monday, Oct. 30 at 4:00 against cross-town rival Moravian.

The following Saturday, the Mules visit Ursinus College for the regular-season finale. With playoff time quickly approaching, the Mules must take full advantage of the games remaining on the schedule in hopes of bolstering their record and making it into the playoffs.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web site

FIELD HOCKEY

Given time to recover after two tough losses to Dickinson (1-2) and Drew (0-2), the field hockey team must have won yesterday against Bryn Mawr and Johns Hopkins must defeat Franklin & Marshall in order for the Mules to finish as the fourth seed in the Centennial Conference.

This will grant them a spot in the playoffs. They will be held next weekend at Johns Hopkins, who currently holds the title and is first in the Conference. Hopkins is followed by Swarthmore and Washington, and all three are automatic contenders in the playoffs.

After the playoffs, the winner of the four teams will win a bid to the NCAA tournament.

This Saturday, the cross-country team traveled to West Chester to compete in a short-distance quad meet. For both the men's and women's meets, a total of three teams including Muhlenberg competed. This was a non-conference meet.

The two other teams were local rivals Moravian and East Stroudsburg. The men went 0-3 and the women went 1-2 in this meet. The men ran three miles, while the women ran 2.5.

For the men, Junior Will Elson finished in third place with a time of 16:09. Sophomore Brendan Gallagher finished fourth with a time of 16:13.

The women defeated Division II East Stroudsburg, but lost to Moravian. Freshman Erica Norey led the Mules by placing tenth.

The team strategically used this meet as a warm-up for the Centennial Conference Championship, which will take place on Oct. 28.

The team has higher expectations than last year in which they finished seven out of nine teams.

Competing against 15 other teams around the region on Monday, the Men's Golf team finished first at their own Muhlenberg Fall Classic. Senior Steve Moore, along with freshmen Matt Katz and Jesse Neider all shot a 76, the second lowest score of the tournament. B-team player freshman Joe Bedway tied for the first place score of 75. This is the second first-place win for them this fall, as senior Matt Berman led the Mules with a score of 76 at the Blue Jay Classic two weeks ago against 17 other teams.

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Women's soccer shuts out Swarthmore and F&M to hold first in Centennial Conference

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's soccer team did not let last week's tough loss to Johns Hopkins get in their way of staying in possession of their first place position in the Centennial Conference. Their wins this week against Swarthmore (2-0) and Franklin and Marshall (3-0) made them 12-3-2 overall and 7-1-1 in the Conference, getting them back on track to stay in possession of their first place standing. The Mules are two wins away from their first Conference title and berth in the NCAA tournament. The y need to win their season finale at Ursinus to claim the first place title. A Muhlenberg loss or tie to Ursinus would most likely give the trophy to Johns Hopkins, who are 7-2-0 in the Conference.

Last Thursday, the Mules beat Swarthmore, 2-0. Two minutes into the game, junior Jennie Vroman scored her third goal of the season. Freshman Dawn Iberer scored an insurance goal before the halfway point of the first half. Sophomore Denae Bordeaux had five saves. The shutout was their seventh of the season and their fifth in Centennial Conference play.

The Mules also shut out Franklin and Marshall, 3-0, at home on October 21st. Franklin and Marshall had four shots on goal and Muhlenberg twenty-seven. Kim Laurino had two saves, making it their second shutout in a row. This win helped the Mules move one step closer to winning the Centennial Conference championship. Junior captain Nancy Grove scored in the first half and freshman Iberer scored twice in the second half, both goals were assisted by sophomore Jamie Gluck.

When contemplating their chances of keeping possession of their first place position, the women's soccer team has positive expectations. "I think we can do it, we've been playing pretty well together, and if we keep up the intensity we have a good chance to win," Iberer explained.

On Saturday the 28th, the Mules have their last regular season game against Ursinus. The Bears are in eighth place, 3-4-1 in the Centennial Conference, and 7-7-1 overall. They also have a game at Centenary (New Jersey), but they are not a part of the Centennial Conference. If the Mules win the first place title, their first NCAA playoff game will most likely be at the beginning of November.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Nancy Grove pushes by a Franklin and Marshall defender during the Mules' 3-0 victory at home.

Volleyball gets back on track with decisive victory against Cedar Crest College

Team set to finish above .500

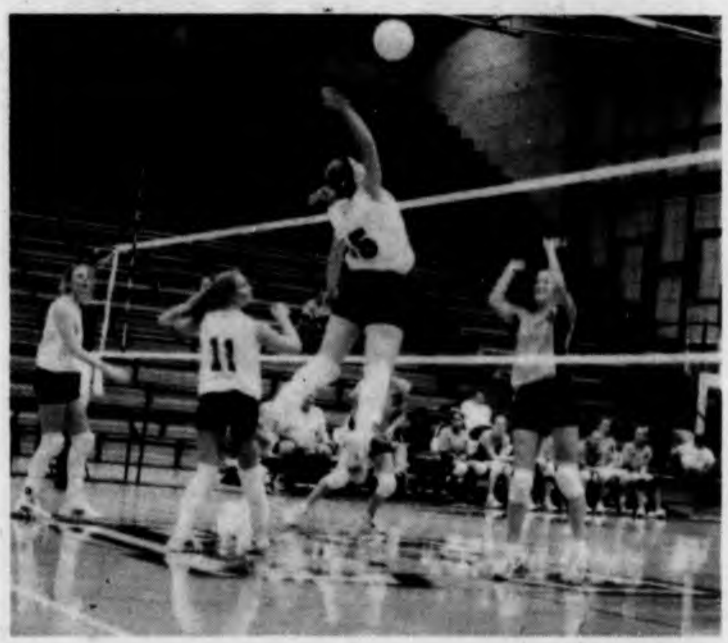
By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The Volleyball team returned home after three and a half weeks on the road to play cross-town rival Cedar Crest College. The Mules defeated the Classics 3-0 in a match that assured the Mules a winning record for the season. The win over Cedar Crest also marks the first time since 1993 that the Mules have defeated all three Lehigh Valley opponents: Moravian, Allentown, and Cedar Crest.

The Mules defeated the Classics 15-2, 15-9, and 15-10 in a sweep that saw sophomore Meaghan Billie record a team high thirteen kills. This pushed her season total to 311, making her just the third person in Muhlenberg history to record over 300 kills. Laura Funsten also added 31 assists to her career total. Just a junior, Funsten already owns the all-time Muhlenberg assist total by over 200 assists. However, she recognizes the fact that team members must make accurate passes and that they must finish with kills in order for her to get assists. She does not think she deserves all the credit, saying, "It can't happen without my teammates."

The fact that the Mules are now assured to finish above .500 for the season marks an achievement for the team led by first-year coach Jenny Warmack-Chipman. She said the team set goals at the beginning of the season and while they did not accomplish all of them, " finishing above .500 is always positive and it was a goal of ours at the start of the season." Funsten thinks Warmack-Chipman is leading the team in an upward direction saying, "This year has been a turn-around for us and she has added a lot of stability to the program." While Warmack-Chipman has been pleased with this season, she hopes next year to qualify for the Centennial Conference Tournament. She is encouraged by the fact that the majority of her team is sophomores, and believes, "The next two years will be awesome for Muhlenberg Volleyball!"

The Mules volleyball team will wrap up its season on Saturday at home against Wilkes at one o'clock. This match will honor the only senior on the team, Jennifer Kahn. Kahn has been encouraged by the season saying, "The team has stuck together." She also said leaving will be bittersweet and that she will "miss everyone a lot!" The final game of the season will not only honor Kahn, but it will be Parents' Night as well. Parents of all the team members have been encouraged and invited to attend this game. Warmack Chipman is amazed how quickly the season has gone saying, "I can't believe it's almost over already."



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Dana Ferrelli goes up for the spike on Laura Funsten's setup against Cedar Crest College on Monday.

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Profile of a Mule

Hard work and determination: Staying hungry like the Wolfsohn

By Courtney Russell
Asst. Sports Editor

"Every time I score a touchdown I point to the sky and dedicate it to them," says sophomore running back Anthony Wolfsohn.

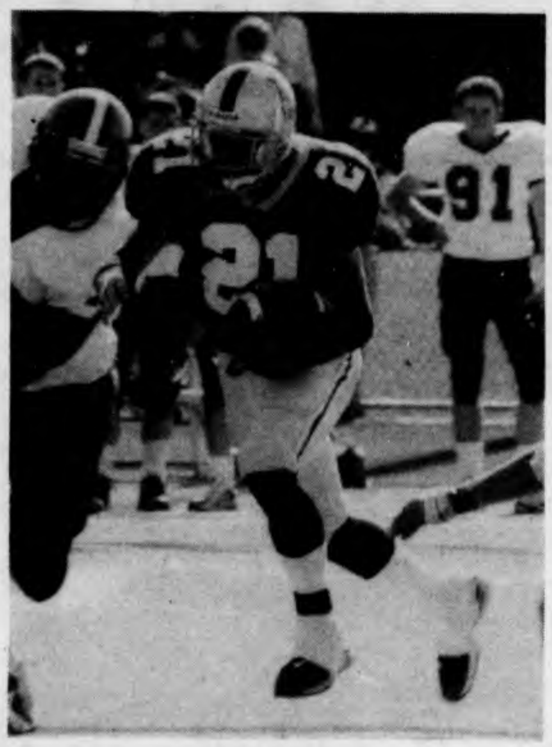
He is referring to his two grandfathers, now deceased, for whom he still holds very much respect and pays tribute to every time he is out on the football field. Wolfsohn grew up with the game all around him, which made it inevitable that he would become the successful and skilled football player that he is today.

At the age of seven, Wolfsohn was inspired by his father (who was a coach in the local leagues) and his older brother (who was an avid football player) to go out for the team. He tried out and found an immediate liking combined with natural talent, so he continued to work hard and gain new skills and valuable knowledge from experience.

In high school, Wolfsohn was a well-rounded individual. Growing up in Woodridge, New Jersey, he found himself very busy with activities such as baseball and track. But somehow he still found time to be the captain of the football team his senior year. He also broke records with the most touchdowns in a season, 22, and held the record for the most rushing yards in a season with 1490 yards.

Coming to college was a whole new scene for Wolfsohn. He called it a "huge step up. Everyone is bigger, stronger, and faster. It's like a totally different game."

Although he is at a disadvantage because he is smaller than most of the guys at 5'10" and 175 pounds, he is constantly working to get bigger and in even better shape.



So far the program has been that of constant devotion. The team has mandatory film hours where they look at tapes of their past performances as well as the upcoming opponents' performances. Wolfsohn notes, "We get to learn about the players on the other team and what tendencies they have. There is an inside look on certain defenses and offenses they have which will help us develop strategy for our game. We also get to look on our individual strengths and weaknesses, which makes us better players."

In the off-season, the men seem to work just as hard. Four times a week they have mandatory weight lifting combined with running, which the players do on their own. During the month of April, they also do "morning runs" in which three times a week, they run between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. for the entire month.

All of this hard work seems to be paying off. In Wolfsohn's first ever college carry, he took off with a 77-yard touchdown run. He was very happy that he did so well the first time he touched the ball in a college game. Last year he was also named 2nd Team All-Conference and developed close relationships with people on the team who he now refers to as his "best friends."

Wolfsohn is very satisfied with the program as a whole. He said, "The football team is like my own fraternity. They are my closest friends and we are always together." They even have a tradition where on Sundays, a group of them get together to watch NFL football for 11 straight hours.

The running back says that if he is not doing work, he is simply hanging out with his friends. Although he is undeclared, Wolfsohn has a strong interest in business.

Wolfsohn finds strong support within his family, noting that "his parents have never missed a game in his whole life." As for his grandfathers, he keeps pictures of them in his locker and is eternally grateful that he has been able to have such a loving and supporting group of people around him. They constantly encourage Wolfsohn to reach for the best both in football as well as in life. Unfortunately, Wolfsohn's season has come to an abrupt end. He fractured his leg in Saturday's game against Gettysburg and hopes to return next year.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Dave Paxson blows by a Western Maryland defender. His efforts were not enough as the Mules lost 3-2 in OT.

Men's Soccer edged by Western Maryland in double OT shootout

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

In one of the biggest upsets of the year in the Centennial Conference, visiting rival Western Maryland shocked Muhlenberg in a thrilling 3-2 double overtime victory. The Green Terror rallied from a one-goal deficit to tie the game and eventually earn the victory in the second overtime.

Western Maryland opened the scoring 27:00 into the first half when Mike Oykoe passed the ball to Vinny Pedalino, who beat Muhlenberg goalie Rob Pomento to put the visitors up early, 1-0. However, the Mules answered less than a minute later when midfielder Justin Marx scored an unassisted goal to tie the game at one.

As the second half opened, the Mules continued the offensive pressure, constantly threatening to capitalize on the twenty shots they registered during the game. Finally, Greg Ramos beat Western Maryland goalie Ryan Defibaugh at the 60:00 mark to put the Mules ahead, 2-1. The goal was the first of Ramos' career as a Mule while freshman Marx was credited with the assist.

With time winding down, Western Maryland found themselves trailing on the road and one man down for the remainder of the match. However, with 1:24 remaining in regulation, Scott Smith found the back of the net and tied the game at two with an assist credited to Darren Wolf.

With the game entering overtime, both teams continued the offensive pressure, yet neither team could capitalize in the first extra period. However, in the second overtime Western Maryland's Chris Wineke took advantage of an opportunity 107:06 into the contest and netted the shocking game-winning goal for the visiting Green Terror.

Despite owning a 20-11 shots-on-goal advantage and a 3-2 edge in corner kicks, the Mules failed to capitalize often enough and had their winning streak snapped by the Green Terror. Western Maryland goalie Ryan Defibaugh registered 6 saves in the vic-

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Stingy Mules keep Bullets in their shell

Defense scores 2nd shutout this year; Wolfsohn out for season

By Mike Billet
Sports Editor

This past Saturday, the Mules embarrassed the Gettysburg Bullets 41-0 in front of a home crowd of 2,608 at Scotty Wood Stadium.

The game started off slow for the Mules, who lost to Johns Hopkins the previous week. Quarterback Michael McCabe looked sluggish on the opening drive when he was intercepted by Gettysburg defensive end Frank May. Gettysburg was unable to capitalize on this turnover and had to punt the ball to All-American candidate Josh Carter. Senior Punter Tom Debacco punted the ball to Carter who returned it 27 yards to Gettysburg's 32 yard line. This set up good field position for the Mules. Sophomore running back Anthony Wolfsohn carried the ball into the end zone after three consecutive rushing attempts of nine, nine and 14 yards making the score 7-0.

The offenses for both teams stalled for the next two possessions until senior cornerback Mike Burke electrified the crowd at Scotty Wood Stadium by returning the Bullets quarterback Dennis Flaherty's interception for a touchdown. That set the tempo for the rest of the game. The Mules would never look back as they added 7 more points, making the score 14-0 to end the first quarter.

Head Coach Mike Donnelly praised Burke's performance on the field by saying "Mike Burke came to play. He had two picks and he also recovered the punt after it was blocked by Steven Doll. Burke made the big plays against Gettysburg." Mike Burke was named defensive player of the week by the Centennial Conference, and Coach Donnelly also praised sophomore linebacker Beau Sherry who had 12 tackles, saying, "Sherry played his best game ever."

The Mules continued to dominate throughout the second quarter as Wolfsohn controlled the clock. On three separate offensive drives in the second quarter, Wolfsohn carried the ball 12 times for 89 yards. Unfortunately, on the Mules' last drive of the first half, Wolfsohn was tackled from behind and suffered a season ending injury. He broke a small bone in his leg and was carried off the field. Head Coach Mike Donnelly expects that Wolfsohn will return next year to play for the Mules. He left the game after running for 139 yards on 19 carries and one touchdown.

Once play resumed, junior running back Kamali Roberts and freshman running back Matt Bernado were used as the offensive back committee for the rest of the game. Roberts rushed for 12 yards setting up an easy touchdown run for Bernado and making the score 21-0.

The Mules' defense manhandled the entire Gettysburg offense in their 41-0 shut out of the Bullets last Saturday.

On the first offensive series of the second half, McCabe completed his only touchdown pass, a 39 yard throw to Josh Carter. Carter's touchdown catch gave him 11 for the season, tying him with Kenyamo McFarlane for the school's single-season record set last year.

In addition to the touchdown catch, Carter had 226 all-purpose yards and set a record for punt returns in a season with a total of 394 yards on returns. This pass marked a bright spot for McCabe, who had an off day, only completing eight of twenty-five attempts for 129 yards, and two picks. Carter's touchdown took the Bullets out of the game for good.

The Mules scored again in the third quarter after the Bullets' punt was blocked by Doll and the ball was recovered by senior Mike Burke, setting up the ball at the Bullets' one-yard line. Bernado ran the ball into the end zone and senior kicker Michael Dickinson kicked the extra point to make the score 35-0.

At the end of the third quarter, Gettysburg attempted to score, but once again Michael Burke came up with the big play on defense when he intercepted Flaherty on the last play of the quarter and ran it back twenty-six yards.

On the next possession, McCabe was replaced with sophomore quarterback Justin Jones , who led the Mules down the field to set up a successful field goal attempt for senior Michael Dickinson making the score 38-0.

On the next series, the Mules held the Bullets' offense to 18 yards, and made a critical stop on fourth and two, turning it over on downs. The Mules' offense ate up a little over five minutes of clock time as Roberts rushed for 40 yards on seven carries, and gave Michael Dickinson the final field goal of the game making the final score 41-0.

Donelly characterized his strategy by stating "We had a tough time against Gettysburg last year. Going into the game, I was worried how Gettysburg had played us last year and I saw their game against Ursinus, in which they took a nationally ranked team into overtime last week. We played a strong, physical game. This year, we came to play. Our offense did a great job running the ball and our defense did a great job stopping their run. It was a game in which we controlled the clock. We were very good on Saturday."

This Saturday, the Mules (5-2 overall, 4-2 in conference play) will go to play nationally ranked Ursinus (6-1 overall, 4-1 in conference play) at Ursinus College. Their goal is to complete a second winning season in twelve years. If the Mules win this Saturday, it will give them six wins and the college's second consecutive season with a winning record.

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Crime report released and shows small increases

May be due to more students on campus

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

In its annual report on campus crime, the Department of Campus Safety has reported that there was a significant increase in drug and alcohol violations, residence hall violations, and violations against the judicial system.

But Ken Lupole said in an interview this week that a large part of that increase can be attributed to the increase in campus population, which is at its highest level in history.

Alcohol violations for last academic year were 204, up from 171 for '98-'99.

Residence hall violations (like noise complaints) almost doubled in that period, from 48 two years ago to 89 last year.

Offenses against the judi-

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Egner Chapel, right, will undergo improvements in the stained glass due to a $90,000 grant.

Photo by Jeff Baird

Stained glass in Chapel to be restored after 70 years

By Andrew May
Weekly Staff Writer

Since the building was dedicated in 1931, Egner Memorial Chapel has been one of the most beloved areas of campus. Now, finishing a four-year restoration project of the building, the stained glass windows will be removed, taken apart, cleaned, put together again, and finally put back.

The purpose of the project is the replacement of lead cames, dating back to the chapel's origin, with a lead and tin alloy. The cames are found between each individual piece of glass. Because the windows have been inlaid in stone for 70 years and never replaced, they have bowed, creating a planar distortion that has broken some of the colored glass.

The broken pieces will be glued together again as if part of a puzzle, whereas glass that is simply missing will be reproduced in the same color it originally was.

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Gore gets strong support with active student body

Over three quarters plan to vote

By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

The presidential candidates have been campaigning the nation over the past year to gather support for election of the President of the United States. During this time, the national media and political task forces have prepared and conducted numbers of polls to gauge the American people, with a random sample of the American people.

With young people being a large percentage of the registered voters in the country, yet a small number reach the polls on the second Tuesday of November, both candidates try to entice young people to come out and vote.

The political parties especially speak with large numbers of students at universities and colleges to come to the voting polls, and as MTV says, "Rock the Vote."

In the frenzy of campaigning, polls are conducted to get a picture of the issues most important to the voters and also the factors that tie into their choice of candidate. With that in mind, eight students and Dr. Giacomo Gambino created a political survey of Muhlenberg students.

This survey was a part of political projects conducted in the class "Building Civic Literacy." The students conducting the survey were Dan Bohle, Joshua Brookstein, Kristen DiLorenzo, Fanny Flikshtein, Erik Kane, Jessica McCourt, Elias Saratovsky and David Sobotkin.

A primary purpose of the student survey was to either dispel the student stereotypes with regards to national trends, or to prove that these stereotypes exist.

In addition to the political distribution in the student body, the survey provided the course with the ability to get a good representation of the College.

This representation is very similar with the demographics presented in the Office of Admissions booklets received by prospective students and their families.

Dr. Christopher Borick, Assistant Professor of Politcal Science, advised the political science course on the method of polling and conducting surveys. The students were instructed to

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In Prosser, a room extra-crowded

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

Photo by Jeff Baird

The construction of new dorms may be on the horizon for the College, but for the time being, capacity continues to be a concern for Housing and Residential Services. This problem resulted in the reassesment of room size in the basement of Prosser Hall. When the basement of Prosser Hall was renovated last summer, the offices and storage closets were made into double occupancy rooms.

"We didn't know at that point if they would remain as rooms or be turned back into offices," said Jan Schumacher Director of Residential Services.

Over the summer, it was decided that the rooms would be permanent. However, there was a reassesment of space for each of the rooms, since some rooms were larger than others. This assesment was done by Schumacher and Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg.

Some rooms remained as doubles, but others became triples and quads based on the space available.

This is where the problems began to start. In New Prosser, room 06 was designated as a quad. But when the four ladies moved in to occupy it, they found that with furniture and personal belongings, there was barely any space in the room.

This compliant was voiced by Rebecca Oller at a Student Council meeting. "Our beds are

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OP/ED

Think your vote does not matter? Think again!

Leigh Somerville
Weekly Guest Columnist

Disenchanted. Apathetic. Unaware. Slackers. These are words often used by the media to describe our generation. You may take offense to such terms, but numbers don't lie. In 1996, the last presidential election year, only 48% of eligible people in our age group were registered to vote. Of those who were registered, only 32% turned out on election day. So it appears those phrases might not be as off-kilter as we may like to think. I will not pretend to understand why the voter turnout in my generation is so low. In my mind, voting is not only a right, but an obligation. Now, I don't expect everyone to become bleary-eyed from watching the polls or spend hours pouring over campaign literature. But I am angered when I hear comments such as, "Politics don't affect me," or, " I don't really pay attention to elections." How naïve can you be?

I'm appealing to those of you out there who don't care about politics. Maybe you're misinformed. Perhaps you don't understand quite how much is at stake. To put it bluntly, if you think the results of this year's election will not affect you, you're wrong. Anyone between the ages of 18 to 24 needs to face some hard truths: at some time in the next four years, you will leave the safety and comfort of this campus a full-fledged adult; you will get a job, pay rent and taxes, and begin to deal with all the other joys and pleasures of economic self-sufficiency.

Let's break this down, shall we? Suppose you find the job of your dreams. Eventually you're going to start paying taxes. So wouldn't it make sense to pay attention to whom the candidates will give tax reductions if elected? Legislation passed under our next president will decide where your hard earned tax money is spent. Do we spend more on social programs such as welfare? Should we reduce defense spending, or increase the power of our military? And what about education and the environment? If you vote, you have a say in these decisions.

Depending on which candidate wins, we may be the first generation to control and invest our own social security funds. This means that social security (which many of us may rely on later in life) may not be guaranteed. If social security funds are invested in the stock market there is risk involved. On the other hand, more funding could be gained from investment to allow us to expand coverage. This is a major policy change which will directly affect you.

Once you start a job you will have health insurance. An issue in this campaign is creating a "Patient's Bill of Rights." This legislation would limit the power of healthcare maintenance organizations (HMOs) and give more control to medical professionals where patient care is concerned. HMOs are a huge force in this country. They dictate what percentage of the costs insurance will cover for everything from a visit to the pediatrician to open heart surgery. Would you like an HMO to dictate how you are cared for or do you want to choose you own doctor?

Fifty one percent of you reading this should care a whole lot about who wins in November. Roe vs. Wade (the Supreme Court case which legalized abortion) was only recently renewed by a narrow margin. Does that scare some of you? The next person who inhabits the White House will have the huge responsibility of nominating multiple new supreme court judges. These new judges may have the power to change our country's abortion laws. Yes, there is a chance the freedom of choice women currently enjoy may be in danger.

These scenarios only scratch the surface of how much is at stake on Nov. 7. Your political participation DOES matter. Changes are about to occur that, like it or not, will affect your life. I implore you, I beg you, GO OUT AND VOTE! I can only hope my words do not fall upon deaf ears. Remember, for the first time in your life the future is truly in your hands.

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Glazed and bemused: voters & the press

Dr. John Sullivan
Weekly Guest Columnist

A few facts about this year's election. First, this year features an "open" Presidential seat with no incumbent and with less than a week to go until Nov. 7, tracking polls suggest that the outcome of the race is still too close to call. Secondly, the margin of seats of the Republican majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate is razor-thin, and the possibility exists that Democrats could once again regain control of both houses of Congress. Many of these Congressional races are also too close to call.

By all accounts, this should be the most exciting, nail-biting general election in two generations. So why has there been such a sense of malaise and disconnectedness among voters and the press thus far in the campaign? If the Nielsen ratings are to be believed, the ability of the 2000 presidential election to capture voters' imaginations has been somewhat disappointing. Fewer Americans watched the coverage of the Democratic and Republican conventions than ever before, and viewership of the three presidential debates hovered around 38-40 million, far below the average audience size of all debates on network television from 1976 to 1992 (67 million).

Try as hard as they may, neither major party candidate for the Presidency has been able to convey a real sense of urgency about this election to the American people. One major culprit that deserves some (though not all) of the blame is the American press, especially television journalism. Though the availability of election information has increased dramatically with the rise of cable television and the Internet, this rise in quantity has not been accompanied by a rise in the *quality* of news. Americans are not getting the type of information they need to make informed comparisons between the candidates on substantive issues like healthcare reform, education, and gun control, just to name a few.

Many television journalists themselves have appeared decidedly less than inspired by the candidates and the race. Why is this? This election cycle, reporters have been consistently denied the opportunity to explore the kinds of election-year stories that make for scintillating journalism. There have been no significant "gaffes" by presidential candidates, such as Gerald Ford's claim in the 1976 Presidential debates that Poland was not under the control of the Soviet Union; no significant private scandals, such as the revelations about Bill Clinton's extramarital affairs in 1992; and few particularly vicious television advertisements from any major party, such as the 1988 Willie Horton ads (which were widely credited with derailing Michael Dukakis' candidacy). Even more significantly, tracking polls following Bush and Gore have not revealed a clear front-runner. Since journalists' reports are so closely aligned with poll results, the close nature of the race has robbed them of yet another opportunity to glean profound insights about campaign strategy from the movement of public opinion.

Voters are not the only ones whose eyes glaze over when Bush and Gore begin to exchange barbs about budget surpluses and Medicare proposals. Nevertheless, when network correspondents move the campaign conversation away from policy proposals toward discussions of a candidate's demeanor or appearance, you can be sure that the viewer has already abandoned the coverage in favor of a baseball game or a cheerful sitcom. Because of deadline pressures, the need for good visuals, and the incessant desire for novelty, modern-day television journalism is ill-equipped to deal directly with issues and policy differences between the candidates. In short, there's too much substance in this year's election for most television journalists to handle. This means that, ironically, in an age of information explosion, American voters must work harder to educate themselves about the choices they will make on election day. Whether or not they will be willing to put the time and effort into this task may well determine the path of America's future.

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Enjoy the view

Dr. Christopher Borick
Weekly Guest Columnist

What is it about Pennsylvania that Al Gore and George Bush find so irresistible? Perhaps it's the cheesesteaks and Yeungling Beer that keep bringing these presidential contenders back to the Keystone State. Or maybe it's the beautiful fall foliage that lures the party nominees back to this fine commonwealth. While the stunning autumn colors and delicious local delicacies undoubtedly make these candidates' stay in Pennsylvania more enjoyable, the real reason for their many visits here is strikingly obvious--votes.

Pennsylvania is one of the jewels of the presidential campaign, with 23 electoral votes available for the candidate that can secure the most popular votes on Tuesday, Nov. 7th. Stated another way, even if a candidate wins the popular vote in the state by a single vote, he would gain all 23 of Pennsylvania's electoral votes. This reality has shaped the type of campaign strategies used by the presidential candidates and helps explain the many visits they have made to this part of the country. For example, why would Al Gore and George Bush spend more times in the waning weeks of the presidential race in small Pennsylvania cities such as Allentown and Scranton while avoiding such major population centers such as New York City and Los Angeles? The answer to this question lies in the impact of the visit. Simply put, even if a last minute visit by Governor Bush to Los Angeles would help him win thousands of votes, it would most likely not push him ahead of Gore in the state's popular vote and thus have no benefit in terms of electoral vote totals. Conversely, with Pennsylvania apparently a very close race, swaying a thousand votes in the last few weeks may be key to securing the state's precious electoral votes. To increase the importance of local votes in this scenario, the Lehigh Valley has a record of being competitive among the two parties. Many other areas of the state are more solidly Democrat or Republican, thus explaining the many local visits by the candidates.

While it might be proper to turn the attention of the remainder of this article to the implicit unfairness of a system of elections that puts more emphasis on strategically placed small populations (i.e. the Lehigh Valley), while ignoring less electorally beneficial population centers (i.e. New York City), it seems more appropriate at this time to revel in the moment. For good or bad you are at the center of ground zero in the race for President of the United States. Even if you are underwhelmed by the candidates that are in this race, the chance to be at the center of a decision that will determine the leader of the most powerful single nation on earth is a rare opportunity. As election day approaches, you have more access to the men seeking the nation's highest office than citizens in the largest media centers of the country. Unlike many citizens throughout the nation, you have had the chance to see candidates in the final days of an election in a direct and personal manner. If conventional strategy holds, it would not be surprising to see Gore and Bush back here over the final weekend of the campaign. I encourage you to embrace the feel of democracy, however flawed, by taking time out in these closing days of the election to seize a rare view of American politics. Remember, your view is better than the view in LA.

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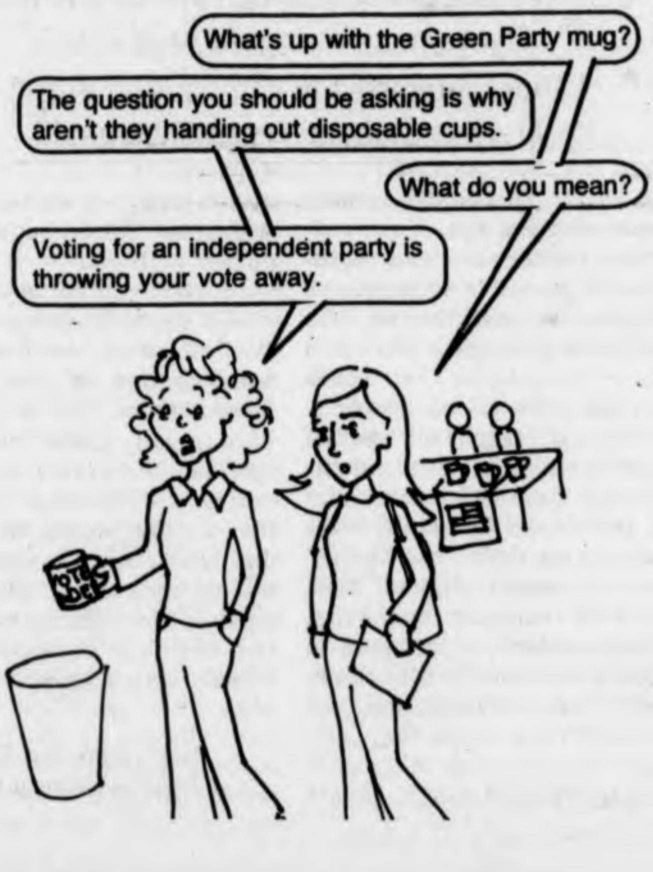
What's up with the Green Party mug?
The question you should be asking is why aren't they handing out disposable cups.
What do you mean?
Voting for an independent party is throwing your vote away.

Senatorial Discourse:

In the most hotly contested senate race of the year, or possibly the nation's history...Clinton vs. Lazio

Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

Mistrust, bitter confrontations, nasty phone calls, destroyed credibility, money given, money given back... Sounds like the plot of your favorite soap opera? It's actually the real-life drama called "Clinton vs. Lazio: the New York Senate race." For months and months this drama has unfolded, capturing the hearts and minds of American viewers. Sure, they all switched their television sets on to the World Series instead of watching a crucial debate between the candidates, but then, New York history was being made...

For many, the New York Senate race is a non-issue. Most Muhlenberg students don't even live in New York, and students are not known for being the most attentive of political focus groups. New York students ask, why should we care about the race? I asked myself the same question. I am a liberal Democrat who has lived in New York State for 16 of my 21 years. I am valuable asset, sought out by both the Lazio and Clinton campaigns. Clinton wants me to vote for my party, because she knows that she can ride Al Gore's electoral coattails to Capitol Hill if she can just convince the pesky Empire State Democrats to even vote. In a state where Gore has a 21-point lead, many of his supporters are not expected to turn out on Nov. 7.

Rick Lazio, however, seeks out my vote because, in addition to being a true New Yorker, I have also spent all of my NY years in Chappaqua, Mrs. Clinton's adopted hometown. Like many others in my community, the fact that her carpetbag landed right in my backyard was unwelcome and downright annoying. Lazio is a Republican—but a moderate one. In his eight years as a Congressman, Lazio supported legislation to change the allocation of federal dollars—a bipartisan bill that garnered the full support of President Clinton. Lazio also sponsored a law that enabled disabled people to receive Medicaid while earning a substantial income, and has continually made a name for himself on the issue of providing more low income housing for the poor. What's more is that he supports a woman's right to choose.

Abortion, a hot button issue that has been curiously hidden away in the

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Evan Jaffee
Weekly Guest Columnist

It is the most closely watched U.S. Senate race ever. The Republican Wonderkid vs. The Democratic Survivor. This, ladies and gentlemen, is the New York Senate race. And there is no doubt in my mind that the Survivor, better known as First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, will beat the Wonderkid, New York Congressman Rick Lazio.

We've heard countless times, "The First Lady is a carpetbagger," "What has she ever done for this town other than create gridlock traffic?" Well, I say, let's give the First Lady a chance and if in six years you don't like what she has done, don't reelect her. It's that simple. What great things has Lazio done for his Long Island district, much less the entire Empire State? Can't think of anything? Neither can I.

For those of you who are not from New York thinking: "Why the hell should I care about the New York Senate race?" Because the outcome of this race could very well affect all of your lives. Lazio twice voted to eliminate the National Arts Endowment (NEA), and three times to cut NEA funding. For those of you who are involved in the arts or looking for government grants, there is a very good chance that if Lazio is elected, he will have a role in the elimination of the NEA. If elected, I can assure you, Clinton would not consider doing something like that. She realizes how important NEA is to many Americans.

Did I mention Lazio is a heartless Congressman who does not want to help the financially disadvantaged? During his tenure in Congress, he has voted three times to oppose or weaken increases in minimum wage. Clinton, on the other hand, supports the Kennedy-Bonior bill to increase the minimum wage to $6.15 an hour over two years. I know many of you are the products of public school systems. I am sure some of you experienced overcrowded classrooms, schools that were in desperate need of repair, or the need for additional teachers.

Lazio must think that those problems some how did not interfere with your education. Which is why he voted for the largest education cuts in history. He has also voted against funding to hire new teachers and repair schools, in addition to eliminating the Department of Education. Clinton is the complete opposite. She supports funding to hire 100,000 new teachers and to lower class sizes in schools. She also supports a tax deduction of $10,000 per year to help families pay for college tuition, in addition to building brand new classrooms and renovating crumbling schools. On Nov. 7, The Survivor will defeat the Wonderkid.

Presidential Discourse: Bush vs. Gore

Who is best to lead this nation for the next four years?

Jeff Baird
News Editor

Five myths about the Bush campaign (AKA George W. Bush is actually not related to the devil):

George W. Bush wants to PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY. The Social Security Trust Fund earns two percent interest every year. My savings account at First Union National Bank earns more than that; any old money-market account easily gets six percent. Over the last ten years, some of the safest stocks in existence have tripled in value. Social Security has not tripled in value; it has not earned six percent: it has earned two percent. And some of us are sick and tired of the government so erroneously mismanaging our tax dollars that we want to invest a small portion of our social security payroll taxes in a conscientious manner. We would like a small portion of a small portion of our bloated tax burden to be managed well--and we don't trust Al Gore, George Bush or Bill Gates for that matter to do it for us.

If George Bush is elected, ABORTION WILL BE ILLEGAL. We have heard from I don't know how many extremist, left-wing single issue voters that the next president will appoint five supreme court justices and that Roe v. Wade could be overturned by Bush appointees. Perhaps. But even Bush knows that he can't ride into the White House and make abortion illegal. The country isn't ready for it--he knows that and the Supreme Court knows that. A vote for George Bush may well be a vote for a ban on late-term abortions--when a woman can't decide if she wants to kill her baby until he or she is almost ready to be born. But first-trimester abortions will not be made illegal by George Bush nor his Supreme Court appointees.

George Bush is going to SPEND THE SURPLUS ON TAX CUTS. First thing first: there is no surplus. I absolutely unconditionally guarantee that at the end of the day, there will not be a pot of money left over that the government (both Republicans and Democrats) has not spent. Second thing: it is a mistaken mentality that tax cuts are spending. Tax cuts are the OPPOSITE of spending. Tax revenues, according to the Gore camp, are the government's entitlement. Therefore, every dollar of a tax cut should be justified. This is completely backwards. Washington should have no default right to our money. Instead of justifying ever dollar it DOESN'T spend, the government should have to justify every dollar it DOES spend.

The WEALTHIEST ONE PERCENT will get all of the money. George Bush would eliminate the lowest tax bracket. That means that more people living just above the poverty line would pay no federal income tax. It is true that the wealthiest one percent would get about 40 percent of the tax vouchers. But that group of earners pays such a disproportionate amount of the taxes that any tax cut in the world would have to benefit the wealthy this way. But by getting only 40 percent of the tax cuts, the wealthy would actually pay a HIGHER percentage of the new Bush tax rolls than they do now!

Bush would not provide CREDITS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. Al Gore's "targeted tax cuts" and his promise for tax credits for higher education are secret code for his real tax message: You have to prove you're poor enough or you need the money enough in order to get a tax credit. If you are a family in the middle class in America, you will pay fewer taxes if George Bush gets his way than you pay now and than you would pay if Al Gore gets his way. Admittedly, this is a silly debate: nobody's going to get their way. There's this thing called Congress that sort of has to pass things first. But behind their tax proposals, you can see their values show through. Bush wants to give everyone part of their tax dollars back; Gore wants to make you prove you deserve it.

David M. Sobotkin
Opinion Editor

Boring, yes. Tendency to exaggerate, yes. The best individual to lead this nation, yes. Despite not being the most charismatic politician, Al Gore has clearly emerged as being the candidate most fit to fill the Oval Office. In terms of past positions held, political beliefs and policy-making experience, Bush pales in comparison. Under the leadership of Gore the nation's economic and civil rights success will continue. Conversely, with Bush, the steps of progress that have taken many years, can and will be quickly and swiftly eliminated with the lowering the lever at the polling place for George W. Bush.

Experience should be at the forefront of the voters' mind. While Bush has served as an executive of a state, this position carried with it minimal budgetary and legislative powers. In the state of Texas, the vast majority of power rests in the hands of the legislative body, and not the executive. However, in the few areas where Bush may incorporate executive authority, his actions have done nothing more than perpetuate the status of Texas as part of the underbelly of the American union. Currently the state of Texas holds steads as among the worst states in the union: 48th in education, 49th in environmental quality and 50th in women's and children's issues. Is this the type of person we want to lead the nation? I certainly hope not.

Any successful president surrounds him/herself with qualified, intelligent advisors. However, in the case of a potential Bush administration, these advisors would be compensating for the president's deficit in both of these areas. In the midst of the Cuban Missile Crisis, President Kennedy, a man with a strong background in policy making and diplomacy, struggled through even with the guidance of his senior policy advisors. The position that is being sought requires not only a large staff of specialized advisors, but a leader with knowhow and experience of foreign affairs.

Hiding behind the mask of "compassionate conservatism," the fact remains, to quote the New York Times' endorsement of Al Gore, "he [Bush] has a harsh agenda," on such issues as women's rights. In contrast to Gore's historical and current position as a vigorous fighter for women's rights over their own bodies, Mr. Bush will, in his own words, "do everything I can if elected to outlaw abortion." While many Muhlenberg females I have talked to feel that Roe v. Wade can never be overturned, this a complete fallacy - and moreover, that mentality is the very permissive cause that will result if a man such as Bush is elected. However, if we as voters want someone which will drag the United States down, as was done to Texas, restrict (or eliminate!) the rights of women, then we probably should elect Bush. Personally, I will vote for the man who will continue the economic prosperity and social progression - Gore.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic:

The Legalization of Marijuana

Has the drug war failed? Continue the current enforcement of those which are on the books? Create more stringent drug laws?

Those interested in contributing e-mail Dave at dsobotki@muhlenberg.edu

Dustin Stein
Weekly Guest Columnist

Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum refers to the presidential candidates from the two major parties; Bore and Gush. As the story goes they were very similar and hard to tell apart. I guess this story is a little different since they are not different, at all. In one corner hailing from Texas, George W. Bush, there is an incompetent entrepreneur who got into politics because his dad's name could not fail him there. This is a well-supported claim, just look at his economic record, he was CEO of five different corporations. During his tenure at these corporations they had a net loss of over 200 million dollars. Just imagine what a brilliant man like this could do with a budget in the ballpark of over 2.5 trillion dollars. Economic prosperity is abound in a Gush/Cheney win. In the other corner there is also another daddy's boy who got into politics on his father's name. Gore's first presidential run was an abysmal failure, because he beat himself then, as he is doing again in this race. Nader has not cost Gore the race, only Gore could beat himself, and he is doing a wonderful job at that. Just look at the average reaction on the street from the debates. Gore's patronizing and snide remarks have sat poorly with Americans, and why not?

Americans don't want a disinterested president who is going to roll his eyes at us. They both are more concerned with the size of the wallet in your pocket than your opinion. As oft quoted in reference to the difference between the two, "the only difference between Bore and Gush is in the velocity their knees hit the floor when the corporations come knocking." Take it for what its worth, but there is that 2 second difference since Gore is in such better shape. How ironic, or should I say convenient, that these "new" politicians are so closely aligned. They even wore the same outfit to the first presidential debate; it just goes to show you how similarly they think. You don't need to take my word for it, just watch them speak, they can't stop agreeing with each other once they finally decided that a debate was in order. "No George, I agree with you." "No, Al but I already concurred with you."

Alright you got me, that is not a direct quote from brainiac George W. Bush. Bush would never use the word concur, in order for him to have learned that word he would have actually had to earn his grades. The debates were a monotone discussion of who could be more cordial. As the "wonderful" moderator Jim Lehrer asked at what seemed the end of each issues' discussion, "so what is the difference between the two of you?" To which they both blankly stared back at the TV cameras.

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W. does not stand for women

Lucas Tomanelli
Weekly Columnist

When it comes to abortion, I am pro-choice. I didn't come to this stance easily because abortion is morally wrong. I know it sounds a little contradictory, but my position on abortion is simpler than it seems. Aborting a pregnancy is equivalent to killing a human being, and I would never approve of my loved ones choosing to have an abortion. Some people happen to believe otherwise, of course, but when it comes down to it, the mother is the only person who has been given full responsibility for the child, and no matter what she decides, she is directly affected by the outcome, and no one else. It is for this reason that I've chosen to take such a stance.

The pro-life stance is very idealistic. Allowing every child the right to live is something that should go unchallenged. But there are many issues standing in the way of this idealistic approach to abortion. For example, say that a teenage couple has unprotected sex, and the female is impregnated. You could say that the child could be given to the grandparents, but what if the grandparents are no longer living? Both are technically still minors and neither of them have a sufficient source of income. What happens to the newborn? Most likely the child will be given up for adoption, and giving the child up for adoption doesn't always prove to be beneficial because there is a limited supply of people who are willing to adopt. I'm not saying that pro-life is ineffective, but in some cases it seems to cause more problems than it can find solutions for.

Pro-choice, on the other hand, just seems to be more realistic. We live in a world where people are bound to be careless, and are simply not always educated enough to understand that the consequences of their actions may be ten times stronger than the initial satisfaction of those actions. This is inevitable. People are going to have unprotected sex, and many of those people will be too uneducated and unprepared to raise a child. Does this ultimately mean that these individuals should choose to have an abortion? In a perfect world, they wouldn't. In a perfect world, no one would choose to have an abortion, and everyone would be openly willing to take responsibility for his or her careless actions. But, as we all know, the world is anything but perfect. There will always be unplanned pregnancies where abortion will end up being the chosen path, and this is inevitable. However, no matter how anyone feels about it, it should be the mother's choice, because it directly affects her, and no one else.

So now with the 2000 presidential elections rapidly approaching, the question is raised: What will happen if George W. Bush is elected into office? This question obviously raises some very different opinions. Some people fear that he will nominate strict constructionists to the Supreme Court that will overturn Roe vs. Wade. And even though Governor Bush has stated that he wouldn't make such an attempt due to lack of public support, the possibility still stands. Even if he doesn't take such drastic measures Bush's pro-life stance is a threat to every American that believes in the women's right to choose. What can we, as Americans, gather from this?

By taking the pro-life stance, it only seems legitimate that Governor Bush would make his beliefs public, and that he would use his antiabortion stance as a mechanism to increase his chances of becoming the next American president. But, as many people know, Bush has chosen to stay away from the issue of abortion in the public's eye. Why is Dubya being so quiet about abortion? Is Bush being hypocritical for taking such a strong stance on abortion and then choosing not to speak about it, or is he simply trying to avoid a very sensitive issue that he has already expressed his views on? We won't know the truths to these questions until after the election, and there's a fifty fifty chance that the results will not be in the pro-choicer's favor.

I must remind you, remember to vote wisely, for things aren't always as they seem.

Editorial aside

How convenient, we think, that the new student directories lists e-mail addresses. E-mail is, arguably, the most frequently used mode of communication on campus. But how bitterly ironic that a sizable percentage of the student population does not use a muhlenberg.edu e-mail address, probably due to the archaic nature of our e-mail software. A more useful tool, we think, would be to find out what e-mail addresses students want published and print those in the book. That way, students would have an extra chance to guard against unwanted e-mails (a forum for anonymous harassment) and anyone looking in the directory would have a more accurate database. This would all hardly be necessary, of course, if we did not use telnet, a laughably outdated e-mail program, for our school mail. It is about time, we think, for the College to seriously examine the e-mail situation. Our telnet capacities do not include file attachments, a staple of productive communication. Our telenet capacities also do not include several conveniences that are so commonplace in other programs. We do not demand state of the art e-mail software. But we don't think it's too much to ask to have something that at least incorporates a mouse.

Support Lazio

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presidential election, was named as the key voting issue among my friends and fellow students. In terms of the race for president, Gore is the obvious candidate of choice for prochoice voters. But for confused New Yorkers, the choice is all the more perplexing. Suburban soccer moms in particular, have recently been warming up to Lazio due to his moderate stance. It is this group of voters (among others), as Bush knows, that helps to decide elections. According to many political news writers, Lazio also stands a good chance of picking up the undecided voters, because most of them are the Hillary-hating-Democrats-with-reservations-about-voting-Republican.

I say vote Lazio: he has a strong record of raising and getting support for issues that are relevant to New York State residents. Hillary has done nothing yet but make promises, because she has (A) never held public office, and (B) not lived in New York for more than a nanosecond. Admittedly, neither candidate has run a particularly ethically or morally clean campaign. Pot shots abound, the most recent misfire was the absurd attempt to link Clinton to the USS Cole tragedy through her brief connection with the American Muslim Alliance, in order to get at the sacred "Jewish vote." To be fair, we should take note that Clinton returned their donation. Their importance in her fund-raising effort must not have been that great, because the campaign misrepresented the group as the American Museum Association. In further attempts at fairness, it should be noted that Hillary has done her homework about New York issues. But good intentions do not make the candidate. No one likes the student who always has the answer: look at Al Gore's current state of affairs in what should have been a simple stroll to the White House.

Why shouldn't we reward Lazio for his years of New York service? He cares about the state's records on education, health care, housing and taxes because it affects him as well. Why should Hillary get to fly into the state like Mary Poppins, carpetbag in hand, and adopt our issues as her own? Get real—I hate the Mets with a passion (LET'S GO YANKEES!) but at least Lazio never rooted for the Cubs.

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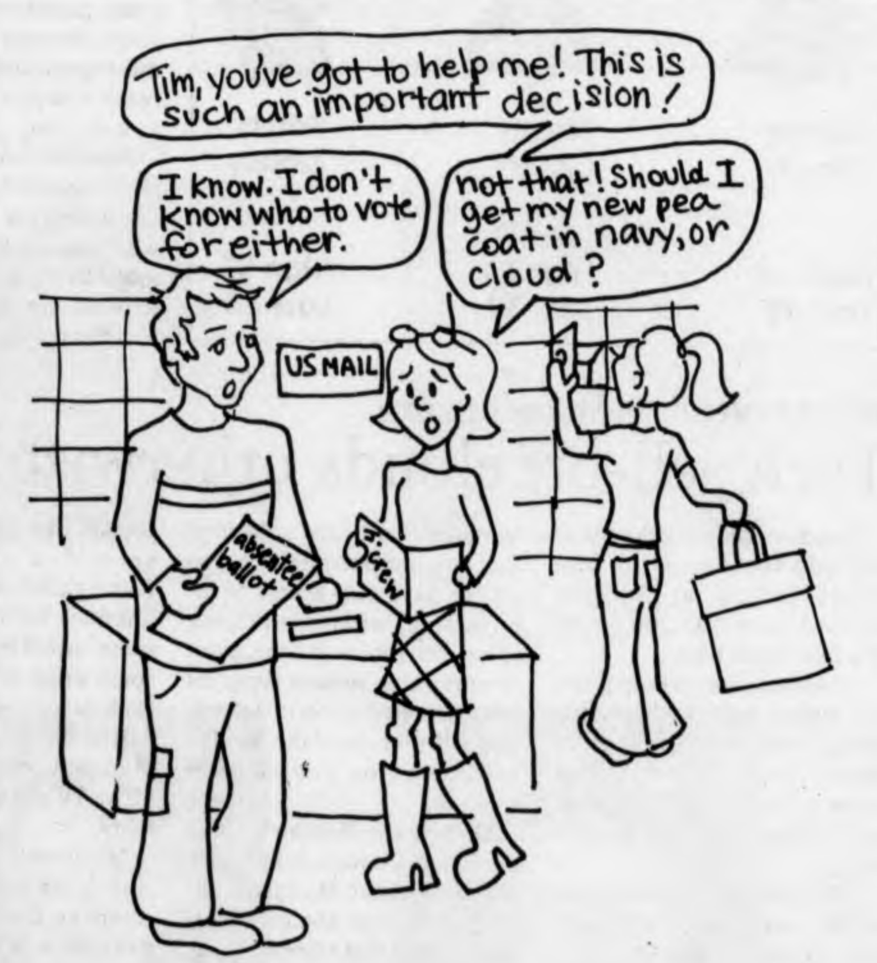
Tim, you've got to help me! This is such an important decision!
I know. I don't know who to vote for either.
not that! Should I get my new pea coat in navy, or cloud?
US MAIL
absentee ballot
J. Crew

Correction:

Last week, in Lucas Tomanelli's "The lack of civility among the elite," there was discussion of a Muhlenberg faculty member berating Volkmar Schultz and his role within the German government with accusations of Nazi-like behavior. In fact, this individual is not a faculty member at Muhlenberg, but was a guest of the College from Lafayette. Further, the faculty member did comment on how he disagreed with the Volkmar Schultz, however "Nazi" or the like was not mentioned.

OFF CAMPUS

University of Virginia—A male student remained hospitalized Tuesday after falling from a second story window in Lefevre House Saturday, police said. He "was sitting on the windowsill...and fell out," University Police Sgt. Mike Gibson said. He landed on a stairway and suffered trauma to his head. This incident was reportedly an result of alcohol consumption.

Monroe County, Pa.—James Proctor Jr. received life in prison after killing his 11-week old baby. He was spared the death penalty when a jury deadlocked on his punishment. He was convicted of committing first degree murder after 19 hours of deliberations.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Philadelphia teachers have finally recieved a tentative contract. The city has reduced its demand on how long to extend the school day. The demand to work an extra 45 minutes each day has been dropped. The Union has agreed to work an extra 30 minutes per day.

New York City—The New York Mets agreed today to new three year contracts with manager Bobby Valentine and general manager Steve Phillips.

Taipet, Taiwan—A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet attempting to take off for Los Angelas on a dark and rainy runway apparentally slammed into an object before take off and burst into flames Tuesday.

Weekend Weather

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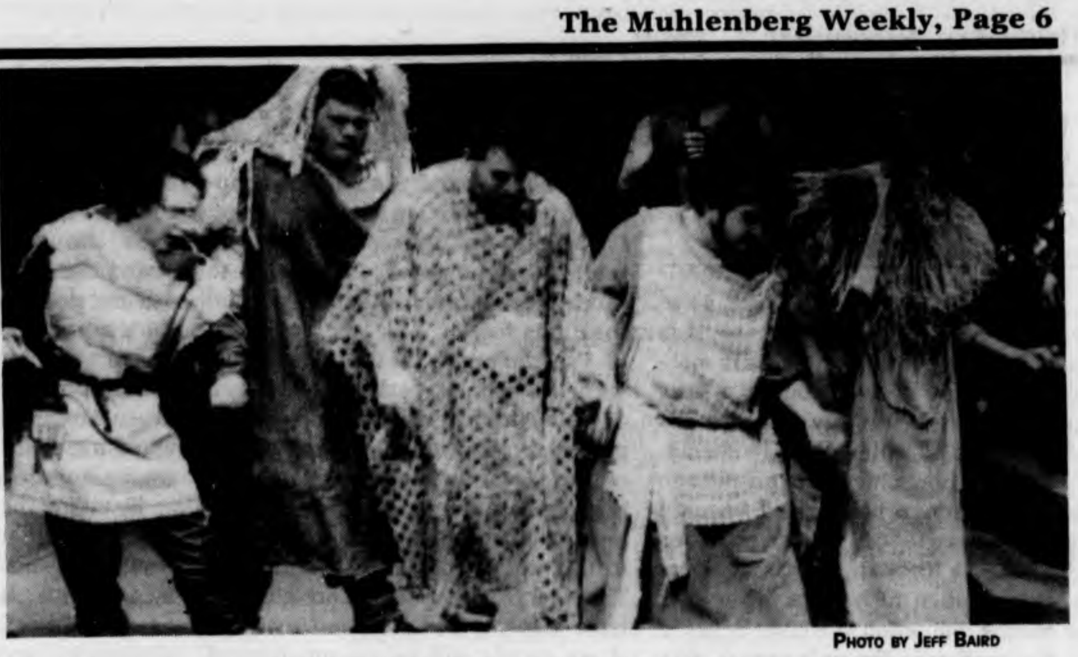

Photo by Jeff Baird

In A Midsummer Night's Dream, from left to right: Robbie Saehzde Viteri, Nick Belton, Stephen Soroka, Eddie Honan and Zachary Einstein.

Council arranges driver program

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

In an effort by Student Council's new Designated Driving committee, Lupo's Beef & Ale off of Hamilton Blvd. is the first area bar to partner with the College to create a program to curb drunk driving.

According to Council President Jodi Siegel, Lupo's is the most popular bar with students; therefore the important message of driving sober will reach a large number of those 21 and older.

Student Council and Lupo's employees will give out bracelets in Seegers Union for those who have chosen to be a Designated Driver for the night. The drivers can also receive the bracelets at Lupo's; those identified as drivers will receive free unlimited non-alcoholic drinks for the time they spend at the bar, or a free appetizer.

"Lupo's will be watching to make sure people are sober, and will not give bracelets to people who are not," assured Siegel.

"Most groups of friends have a Designated Driver already, this [program] is just an incentive to make sure they don't drink, and those who choose to drink have a safe ride home," she said.

Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg is encouraging the implementation of the Designated Driver program, so that of age students can consume alcohol at an area bar or restaurant and be discouraged to drive under the influence.

The committee has not set a starting date for the program; they plan to ask other local bars and restaurants to participate, like Rookies, Sterling Hotel, Crocodile Rock and the Penalty Boxx.

Lupo's and the College will advertise the program once it begins.

Chapel to get renovation of stained glass

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If the lead cames are not removed, "eventually the bowing will worsen," said Mike Brewer, Director of Plant Operations. Brewer also said that the project would hopefully commence next year, and would be broken down into different time slots.

Having worked on the project since 1994, Brewer has estimated the cost at roughly $400,000, while replacing the windows completely could have reached $1.5 million.

Already, $90,000 has been received through a Keystone Historic Preservation Grant from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

This type of grant is provided only to non-profit organizations for capital improvements on historic resources. Grants are distributed on a competitive basis each year by a peer review process.

Egner Chapel, an example of Gothic architecture, is a high priority to the College, and its conservation represents a significant priority for college officials.

Bruce Gover Jr./Business Briefing

Tech sell-off clouds otherwise optimistic market

Investors' recent luck continued into Monday as the Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed more than 200 points to a four-week high.

Investors seem to keep pouring money into the blue chip index. Financial stocks sparked Monday's climb; American Express gained $2.63 to $58.44 and Citigroup jumped $1.31 to $51.56.

The Dow Jones rose 245.15 points, more than a 2% gain, and closed at 10835.77.

It has gained an incredible 500+ points over the past three sessions. However, technology investors were not as fortunate; Lehman Brothers lowered its price target for Cisco Systems, leading to another technology sell-off.

Cisco Systems creates hardware and software solutions that link computer networks so people have easy access to information, without worrying about differences in time, place or computer system type. Its stock dropped $2.63 to $48.06. The sell-off caused the Nasdaq to slide 87.02 and close at 1,398.65.

Despite the Nasdaq's losing session, there was a bright spot. Software giant Microsoft advanced $1.38 to $69.06 after it was learned that Microsoft may invest $ 1 billion in Sky Global Networks Inc.

The $1 billion will be invested into the companies satellite TV unit. Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation owns Sky Global Inc.

If a deal is reached, Microsoft will own a 3.5% stake in Sky Global. Sky Global's satellites are said to consolidate New Corp's global satellite TV assets. Murdoch has been looking for some minority partners who could bring something to Sky Global.

It is believed that he chose Microsoft because of its interactive TV and technology capability.

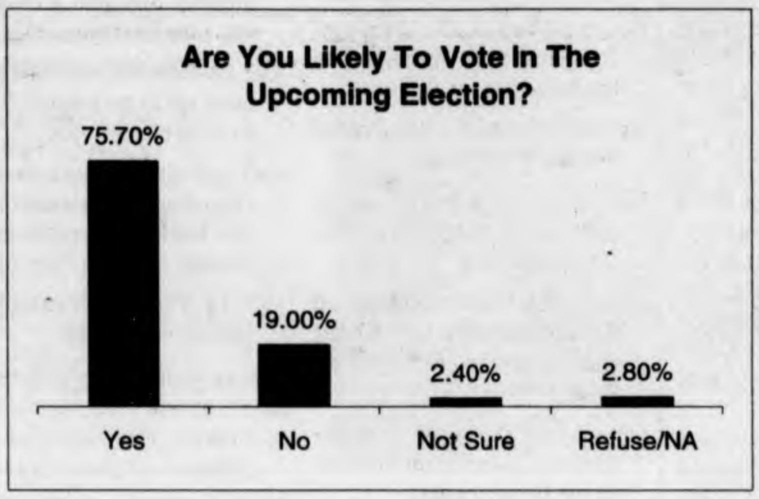
Murdoch's News Corporation is an enormous media company that is worth about $10 billion, it owns Fox Entertainment and the LA Dodgers. Murdoch wants to strengthen his already powerful satellite holdings.

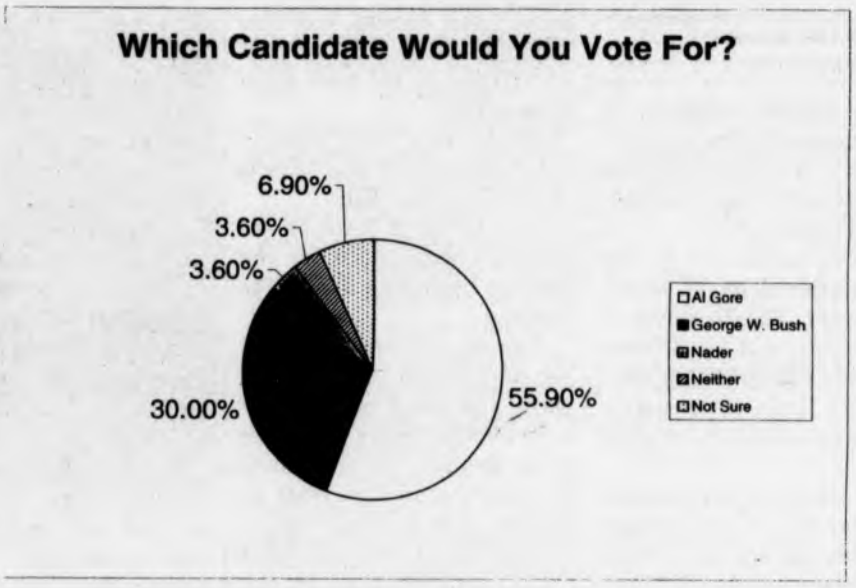
As reported earlier this year Murdoch already stuck a deal with John Malone's Liberty Media Group in hopes of bettering his chances of acquiring Hughes Electronic Corp, the owner of Direct TV. This deal was made earlier this year because it would offer a key opportunity to put satellite holdings in North America, the only hole in News Corporation's portfolio.

In other news Primedia Inc., the publisher of magazines such as Seventeen and New York has agreed to buy out an online media company named About Inc.

The deal valued About Inc.'s shares at around $35.70 a piece, a 50% premium from its closing price on Friday. This deal was made in order to unite Primedia's powerhouse of nearly 700 media niches with About's 700 topic-specific Guide Sites and nearly 10,000 associated experts.

Strong support for Gore in student poll





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conduct the survey with specific step by step procedures and a "professional manner." For a number of hours, the students interviewed a random sample of students on campus over the telephone.

"We engaged in civic activity-we learned a lot about polling and gained a sense of where Muhlenberg is with the national trends," said Dr. Giacomo Gambino, Associate Professor of Political Science.

One question asked to the sample of 250 students addressed was what the most important problem facing the nation. Following national trends, education was the most important issue brought up by the students polled.

Education drew 18.2 percent of polls, with crime/violence and foreign affairs drawing 11.7 percent and 10.5 percent respectively.

"In an academic atmosphere, the community tends to be a group of young people with liberal views," said Kristen DiLorenzo. "Some issues can be skewed when pertaining to the Muhlenberg campus."

In addition to the predominant answers, most students didn't bring up some issues. Social security had a response of 2.8%, which shows the lack of interest in students with the current social security system and potential changes with the system. Muhlenberg students conformed to many national trends. When comparing religion versus support for candidate, it is evident that thee is overwhelming Jewish support for Gore (75.4 percent of the Jewish students said they will probably vote for Gore), which shows a traditional Jewish allegiance to the Democratic Party.

Despite the high percentage of Jewish support, religious beliefs was not a very important quality in a candidate, disproving the interest in the Democratic party naming Senator Lieberman as Al Gore's running mate.

With most recent personal and moral questions regarding the President and the Monica Lewinsky case, personal character was an important quality to students in the poll.

The most important question in the mind of the nation would have to be "which candidate would you vote for?" The Muhlenberg survey conducted had Gore with 55.9 percent and Bush with 30.0 percent. Nader had 3.6 percent of the polls.

Students were also asked about themselves and their background going into the elections. The class used the SPSS polling system to tabulate the results of each student response. Kane and Sobotkin analyzed the results with cross-tabulations to determine the relevance of the student's background (religion, political party, race) in their decisions for their candidate. The campus was 53.8 percent somewhat liberal which is close with national trends of an academic institution like the College.

In addition to political views, cynicism of the political system and D.C. politics was covered through questions in the survey. Students responded with positive and neutral remarks with regards to the opinions of politics.

"Muhlenberg students can be seen as being more wealthy and could have more trust in the government," said Elias Saratovsky.Gambino and his students hope that the Muhlenberg Survey provides the College with a good representation of the student body and their political views.

Voting Information for Allentown:

If you vote in Lehigh County, polls are open
7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Up for Congressional Election:
Pat Toomey, Republican and Ed O'Brien, Democrat for Congress; Rick Santorum, Republican and Ron Klink, Democrat for U.S. Senate.

Newspaper Endorsements

Bush	Gore
Arizona Republic	San Francisco Chronicle
Hartford Courant	Denver Post
Washington Times	Washington Post
Chicago Tribune	Miami Herald
New York Post	Baltimore Sun
The Morning Call	New York Times
Dallas Morning News	New York Daily News

Around Campus

"I'm just not motivated by the candidates." Agueda Ramirez, did not vote.

"He hasn't sold out to corporate interests." Matt Jones, voted for Nader.

"This is the truth: If Bush wins the election, I will be ashamed to live in this country." Nadine Gorelik, voted for Gore.

"I think that this country has lost a lot of its spirit." Kristin Wustholz, did not vote.

Election analyst speaks to importance of debates

By Laura Burkhard
Contributing Writer

Larry Sabato, professor of government at the University of Virginia, and author spoke before a packed Lithgow Auditorium, Oct. 18.

Directly after one of the least-viewed debates in television history, Sabato spoke of the importance of the debates and how a television appearance can help or hurt a candidate's possibility of being elected.

According to nationwide polls after each of the debates, Bush came out on top, though according to Sabato, Gore "won" the debate. The cause, Sabato believes, is due largely in part to Gore's theatrics during the first debate and his subdued manner during the second debate.

Though Sabato described the third debate as being a "tie," with Bush slightly ahead in the polls, he spoke of the 2000 election as being "tight as a tick."

Voters who had not made up their minds by the third debate still have not made up their minds, said Sabato, and now the candidates must rely on advertising to get their messages across.

For the latter half of Sabato's talk, he presented what he calls "Sabato's Crystal Ball."

This series of maps shows Sabato's predictions for the election beginning during the summer.

The maps showed the number of electoral votes in each state, and which candidate is most likely to "carry" the states in the election. He established his predictions with what he believes to be decided votes.

New York (Gore) and Texas (Bush) are overwhelming, but states like Pennsylvania, a state that Sabato originally predicted a "Gore state," Michigan and Wisconsin now appear undecided.

In his most recent maps, Bush and Gore were in a dead heat, making this the closest election since 1960. Though even Sabato warns against following his predictions wholeheartedly, claiming that "He who lives by the crystal ball ends up eating ground glass."

Report on safety released

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ciary include things like resisting arrest or even, as happened this week, a person refusing to identify himself when being issued a ticket.

Those offenses have increased consistently over the last three years, from 8 three years ago to 15 to 30 last year.

"There's no new policy or enforcement or anything like that," Lupole said in response to concerns that Campus Safety has revised its enforcement policies.

In 2000, there were two sex offenses that "were cleared through judicial board hearing," Lupole said. there were three others in the last two years, which were all "Jane Doe" rapes, where the victim did not identify herself. Those have not been solved.

On the whole, total violations have remained steady over the period; in some areas, such as total incidents reported, there was a significant decrease.

Eighty percent of all violations were by freshmen and sophomores, the report said. Of those, 43 percent were freshmen.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 24 - Fire Safety Violation-Cigerettes were found in East Hall, a non-smoking dorm.

Oct. 24-Theft-A "No Parking" sign and post were stolen from the Benfer fire lane.

Oct.24-Solicitors- Discovered in the 23rd St. lot.

Oct. 24-Fire Alarm-A fire alarm sounded at 2245 Gordon St. due to cooking.

Oct.24-Vandalism-The 2nd floor computer room vent was kicked out of the door in Prosser Hall.

Oct.24-Sick student-A sick student was taken from Ettinger to the health center.

Oct.25-Theft-A 20x20 glass table top was taken from the 3rd floor of Moyer Hall.

Oct.25-Alcohol Violation-A student was referred to the Judicial Board and two students were issued letters of trespass for a violaioin in East Hall.

Oct.26-Theft-Clothing was taken from Walz Hall.

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Oct.26-Theft- A wallet was stolen from Moyer Hall.

Oct. 26-MVA-A motor vehicle accident involvong two students occurred on 23rd St.

Oct.27-Suspicious male-A suspicious male in his mid-30s was reportedly using a computer in Ettinger Hall.

Oct.28-FireAlarm-432 Albright reported a fire alarm due to cigarettes and a fire extinguisher.

Oct.28-Vandalism-A screen was kicked out on the 3rd floor stairwell of Brown.

Oct.28-Suspicious Vehicle-A vehicle was parked by the "No Parking" sign near the President's house.

Oct.28-Alcohol Violation-A student dropped a case and ran into East from ML.

Oct.28-Fire Alarm-A fire alarm went off at 323 22nd St. due to cigarette smoke.

Oct.28-Vandalism-Several soap dispensers were torn in the bathroom of Seeger's Union.

Oct.29-Theft-An orange leaf blower was stolen.

Oct.29-Information-The smell of smoke was reported in Trexler Pavilion due to a jacket on several lights.

Oct.29-Fire Alarm-Walz Hall reported a fire alarm due to popcorn.

Oct.30-Theft-An 8' aluminium brake was stolen from 2251 Liberty. It later was recovered.

Oct.30-Theft-A wallet was stolen from ML.

Oct.30-Lost Property-A lost cell phone was stolen from HQ.

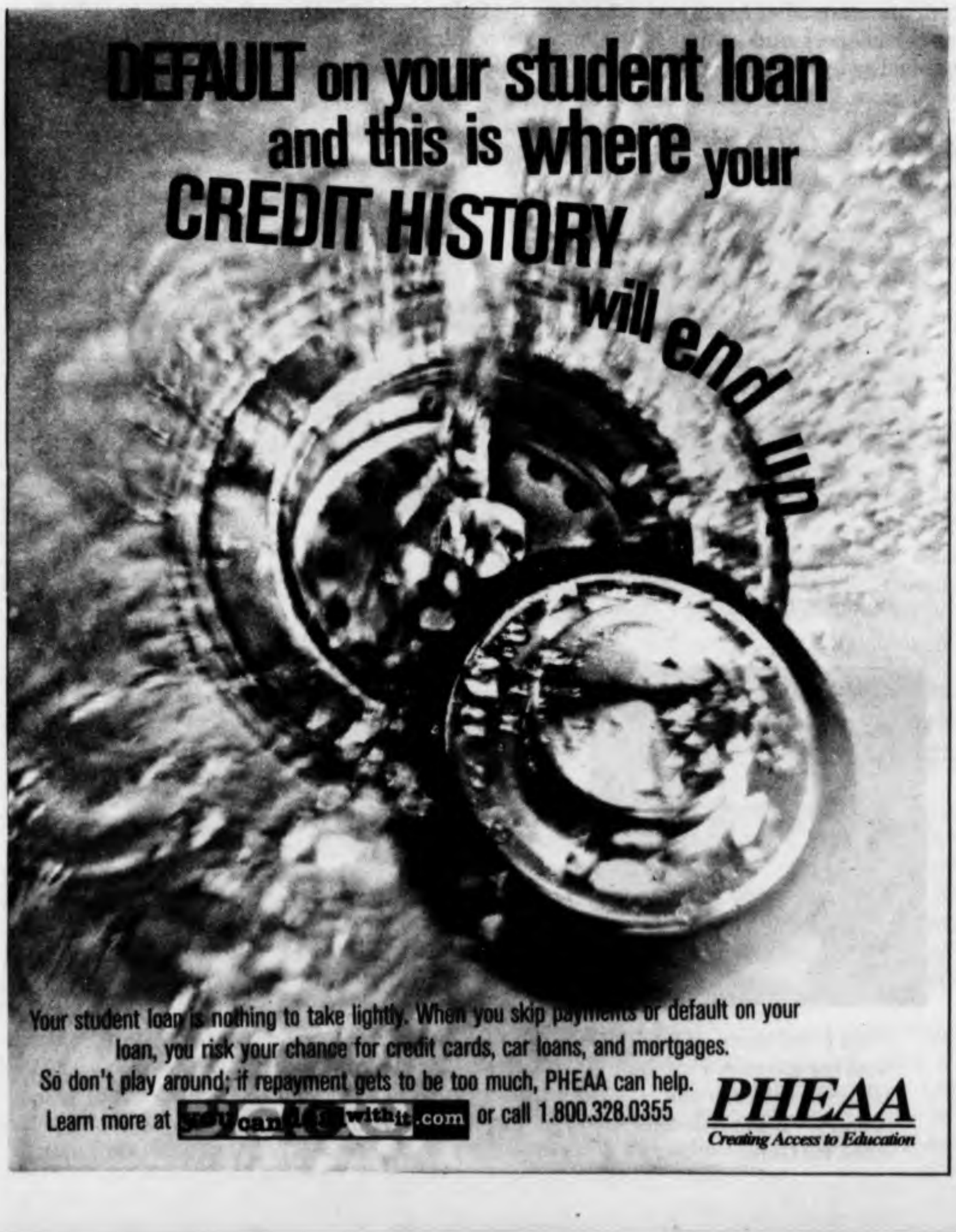
Oct.30-Fire Alarm-Steam from a shower caused the fire alarm to sound at the TKE house.

Oct.30-Fire Alarm- An aerosol can set off a fire alarm in Prosser.

Oct. 30-Controlled Substance-Three students and a non-student were caught with alcohol and drug paraphernalia. The students were referred to the dean's office.

Oct. 31-Vandalism-A pumpkin and eggs were smashed outside Prosser.

Oct. 31-Failure to Comply-A student parked in the circle in front of the College Center did not provide identification when issued a parking ticket.



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All students registered to vote are encouraged to turn out for the election. Make a difference!

R.L.s sponsor MILE house halloween event

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

Photo courtesy of Jenny Lifson

Katie McCleary with Allentown youngsters.

The streets surrounding the College's campus were alive with small children scurrying around in a frenzy of trick-or-treat Thursday night. Thirty children from the 6th Street Shelter, accompanied by some of their mothers, joined several members of the Residence Life staff in trick-or-treating from MILE house to MILE house. The children ranged in age from age one month to age twelve.

Two years ago, Eli Katz began the relationship with the 6th Street Shelter. She started the now-annual trick-or-treat and Halloween party with the children. The children at the shelter have come to anticipate the experience. This year, the third year the program has been in effect, Katie McCleary, Theresa Leinker, Chris Drumm, Kim Ilardi, and Kelly Neilsen, all RLs, and Sean Topping, the Residrnt Coordinator, organized the party and trick-or-treat.

Fourteen MILE houses participated in buying and handing out candy to the children. Many students put a 100% effort into making the childrens day special. 2208 Chew St. decorated their house, while students at the multicultural house answered the door in costume. 318 Albright St. gave out goodie bags, while members of the Delta Tau Delta fraterntiy surprised the kids by joining in the Halloween spirit in full costume.

Following the trick-or-treating, the children were brought back to the Martin Luther Underground to enjoy in a party. Many of the MILE house residents assisted in making the party a success. Several of the residents in MILE houses not in the immediate area of the College came to offer their support at the party as well.

The kids were offered a selection of Halloween treats at the party. There was a ghost toss, a coloring contest, face painting for all and food was provided. The party lasted for one hour and according to McCleary."the kids really got some much need attention."

The 6th Street Shelter is a women's family shelter. It provides a place to stay for women in need or women going through a tough time. Some women reside at the shelter, while others go there for support. It was the children of these women for whom the event was planned.

This Halloween party and trick-or-treat is the only event Residential Services and the RL staff do in conjunction with the 6th Street Shelter, however, many other on campus organizations donate to the shelter as well.

The Halloween festivities are something the RLs want to continue according to McCleary. She feels that it is "rewarding for those people who go and help out."

John Marshall Pre-Law Society

Tonight!
Thurs. Nov. 2

Do you want to go to law school? Come to the workshop where you will learn when to start, what to do, and how to prepare.

Moyer 201

Four in Prosser struggle in their tight room

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lofted so we can place our dressers under the bed, three closets had to be placed against the wall and another next to the bed, and there isn't much space at all," stated Oller.

Housing claims that this problem was addressed to them by the parents of these students during the Orientation weekend. They remained in contact with Oller and her roommates through the opening week. She was offered an opportunity to switch to another room, but declined. She had become good friends with her roommates and didn't want to leave yet. Oller said that she intends to move into a different room with one of her friends next semester. Schumacher could not comment if this had taken place.

"It's tough in a room this size to have four different people," said Oller. She referred to everyone's own priorities of studying, and when they could have friends over in such a small space. "It's more like a camp bunk than a room," she said.

Schumacher wants to change this room size next year to a triple from the quad it is now. Oller seemed to agree that this would be the ideal size for the room because it's large enough. All of these changes in room size were necessary because of the large freshmen class coming in this year. Thus showing the need for the new dorms approved by the College Board of Trustees.

These two new dorms should lift a burden off of the College, because as it stands now we are nearly filled to capacity. "This presents a problem when dealing with roomates that have problems and have to be moved. There's not too many places we can put them, so we have a difficult time mediating the problems," said Schumacher. The new dorms will be helpful and will also provide the students with a new variety of options for living.

Oller's case, however, seems to be in the exception in campus housing. In other rooms in the Prosser annex that were reassessed, fewcomplaints like this one have been voiced

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Candidates and their issues

Following is a summary of Presidential candidates Al Gore, George Bush and Ralph Nader on selected issues:

Foreign Policy

Gore: Supports a policy of "Forward Engagement," meaning he supports military intervention to end ethnic cleansing.

Bush: Supports a more concentrated use of military, using it strategically but less often.

Nader: Believes that the defense should be "lean" and believes the country has not learned from its past mistakes.

Education

Gore: Supports greater access to higher education and supports "get-tough" proposals to make school safter.

Bush: Supports more freedom for states to determine school accountability.

Nader: Believes the federal government should discourage the use of standardized test and would emphasize citizenship.

Social Security

Gore: Would strengthen the existing social security system and would support pension reform.

Bush: Would not change benefits for current or near-future retirees, but would give young workers the option to invest a portion of their benefits.

Nader: Wants to make gradual changes to benefits and tax structure. He doesn't believe S.S. needs to be "saved."

Health Care

Gore: Pledges to work for universal health care for all Americans and would support a Patient's Bill of Rights. Would expand Medicare and Medicaid.

Bush: Would make health insurance affordable to low-income families with a tax credit to allow them to choose health plans.

Nader: Would cover every citizen under one government plan, but emphasizes free choice of doctors.

Campaign Finance Reform

Gore: Supports McCain-Feingold reform bill to "overhaul" the current finance system.

Bush: Supports full disclosure of campaign donations, some limits on soft-money donations.

Nader: Supports a voluntary public financing system for all elections.

Guns

Gore: Supports a ban on assault weapons and wants a compromise on the Brady Bill, eliminating guns in schools.

Bush: Supports vigorous prosecution of gun violations and would try to keep guns out of the hands of juveniles.

Gore visits Fountain Hill

By Leigh Somerville
Contributing Writer

Lehigh Valley democrats welcomed Vice President Al Gore to the small town of Fountain Hill last Friday at the final stop in his Pennsylvania campaign trail.

Over 30 Muhlenberg students attended the small town park rally, which had a "fall festival" theme. Local groups and democratic candidates set up booths to distribute literature and gain support.

Pennsylvania is a key state for Gore, a battleground state that carries 23 electoral votes. The Lehigh Valley itself has a long history of voting for the winner in past presidential elections, something the Gore campaign is acutely aware of.

Gore was endorsed by many local politicians, including the National Democratic Committee chair and former mayor of Philadelphia Ed Rendel, and local congressional candidate Ed O'Brien. Those in attendance were reminded of the importance of not only winning the White House, but having a democratic-dominated legislature as well. Many representatives from Fountain Hill and the city of Bethlehem spoke at the rally, emphasizing the importance of political participation is local politics.

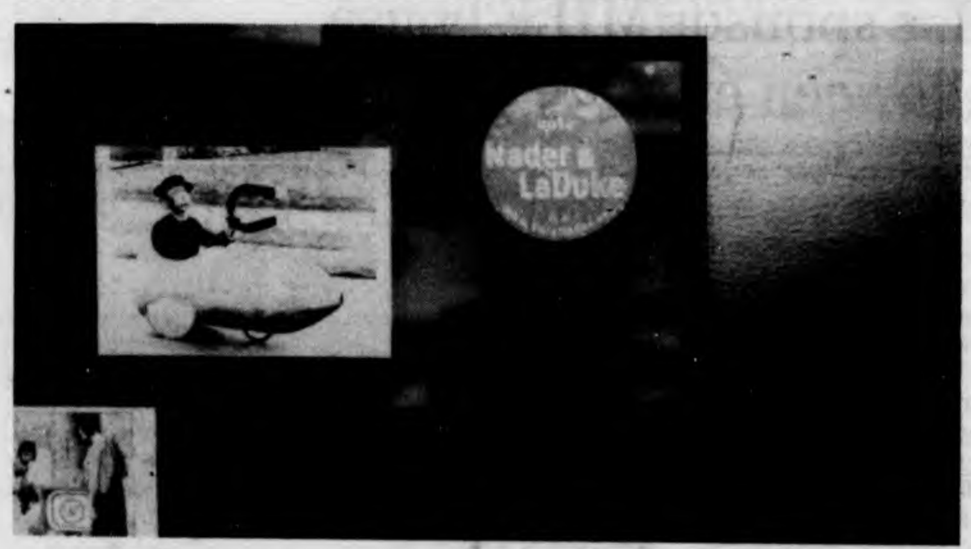
Gore took the stage to the final chords of U2's "Where the Streets Have No Name" and an enthusiastic crowd. He spoke strongly and stressed the issues that are the cornerstones of his campaign.

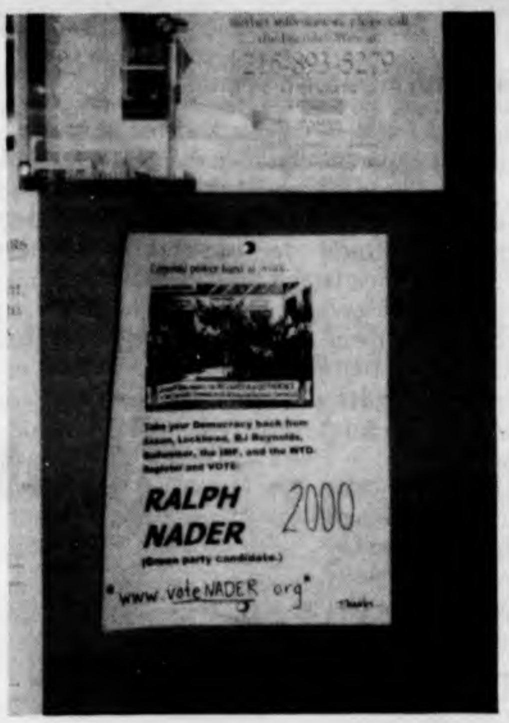
The crowd cheered as Gore spoke of making education the nation's top priority. He highlighted his plans to hire new teachers, reduce class size, and improve nation-wide standards. He used examples of struggling local seniors while speaking of the need to reduce the cost of prescription drugs. He also pledged to stay true to his promise of retaining "locked-box" social security.

For many of the Muhlenberg students in attendance, the rally was their first experience with national politics.

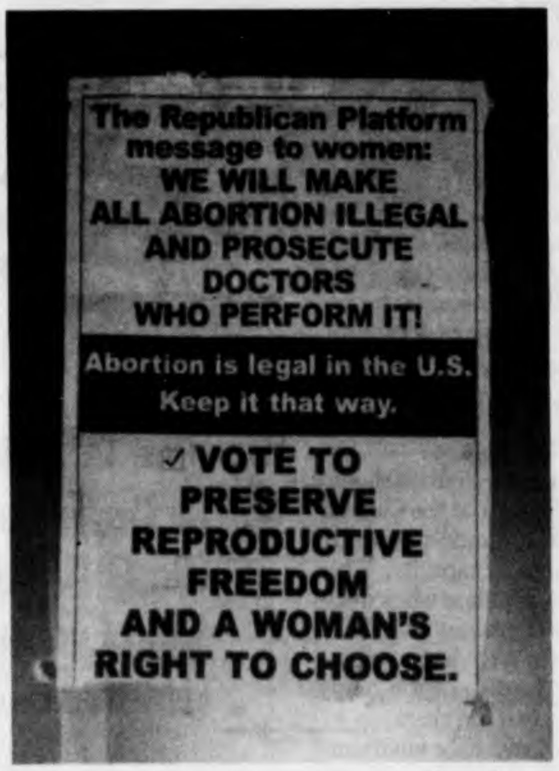
"I had never really been to any political event before. Actually seeing a candidate made the presidential race come alive," said sophomore Erin McMenamin.

The College Democrats on campus have been campaigning and volunteering locally for O'Brien. They will be participating in the Decision 2000 Study Break on election night (Nov. 7) and the Election Post-Mortem the following day.





Ralph Nader
for President



The Republican Platform message to women:
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Politics around campus

The campus was laden with political symbols last week, as both students and professors showed their political colors. Top: A Nader-LaDuke sticker on a professor's door in the Sociology/Anthropology department offices. Above left: A Nader poster in the economics department. Above right: A Nader sign in a student's window. Left: An ad from The New York Times on display in the English department.

Weekly life

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Been there, done that...

October 28, 2000
The Student talent show was held in the Red Door. First prize was awarded to Jen Carabollo, Nate Pickowicz recieved second prize, and Doug McHoul recieved third prize.

October 31, 2000
Peter Jordon told Ghost stories in the Garden room for Halloween.

Coming up...

November 3-5, 2000
Family Weekend:
Friday:
The family basketball game will be held in Memorial Hall at 8 p.m.
Nate Pickowicz will perform in the Red Door at 9:30 p.m.
Dr. Ted Connor will host "Music in the Lobby" at 10:30 p.m in Seeger's Union.
Saturday:
Free Antique Photos will be taken in the Fieldhouse from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
The Football team will battle Hartwick at 1 p.m.
A performance by the #1 Beatle's show will be held in Memorial Hall at 8:30 p.m.
Carl Rosen will perform in the Garden Room at 10:15 p.m.
There will be a recording booth in Seeger's Union at 11 p.m.

November 3-5, 2000
MAC will show the movie "Dinosaur" at 6 p.m on Friday, 1 p.m. on Saturday, and 4 p.m. on Sunday, in the Red Door.

A Break in the Bubble...

The late Missouri governor Mel Carnahan, the Democratic Senatorial candidate, stands a good chance of winning the Nov. 7 election. If he wins, his wife plans to fill his posthumous seat.

Napster agreed to charge a fee for its service, giving part of the fee to record companies.

Talking plants?

The cast of "Little Shop" performs for sold-out crowds

By Rebekka Schnell
Head Copy Editor

Street urchins, talking plants, a singing dentist, a vacant heroine, and a supersweet leading man all fill the stage in the current Muhlenberg Theater Association of Little Shop of Horrors. This show is power-packed with talent, poise, and presence.

The plants used for the show were rented from Musical Theater International and were received two weeks before opening night. The first, third, and fourth plants operated by the puppeteer, Rachel Leigh Roccoberton, take a lot of work. Seymour, David Michael Bish '03, operates the second plant. In addition to this difficult task, "the show is very technically difficult," said stage manger Jaime Harkins.

Cheryl Galaga '01 as the effervescent Audrey is a total transformation. She is completely believable and her voice resonates throughout the theater.

This show is power-packed with talent, poise, and presence... although the show is overdramatic in nature, somehow the cast manages to suspend the audience's disbelief.

As soon as Bish steps on the stage the audience falls in love with him. He has a shy, sweet, and charming nature. His clear voice is so convincing with his timid actions and kind heart.

The doo-wop girls are the all-knowing Greek chorus. Their harmonies are soulful and secure. These girls brilliantly transform the stage to whatever the script calls for.

The director, William Sanders, is a guest artist who is currently the co-artistic director of Rattlestick Theatre in New York City. He is also the former artistic director for Civic Theatre of Allentown. His choice to have a girl, Nicole Lomax '03, play the voice of Audrey II was a bit surprising, but after hearing Lomax there was no second-guessing her performance. Her connection with Roccoberton was very well coordinated.

Adam Kemmerer '02, as Orin and everyone else, displayed tremendous versatility. Each character was very distinct and humorous.

The camaraderie between Seymour and Mr. Mushnik, J. Michael DeAngelis, during "Mushnik and Son" was touching and comical at the same time.

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A look at... new albums: U2 and Outkast

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Columnist

On the second song off U2's long awaited tenth studio recording, *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, Bono states, "I'm not afraid of anything in this world / There's nothing you can throw at me that I haven't already heard / I'm just trying to find a decent melody / a song that I can sing in my own company" and nine songs later you have no choice but to believe him. This kind of content confidence can be heard all throughout *All That You...* making it one of U2's best records. This newfound confidence allows U2 to refocus their attention from *Zooropa and Pop's* electronic babble and work primarily on their songwriting. Every one of the eleven songs off the album has a tense, urgent, and unbelievably catchy hook. From the album's rocking opener and first single, "Beautiful Day," to the bittersweet acoustic "Walk On," these are amongst U2's strongest numbers.

All That You Can't Leave Behind will serve as a much needed welcome to any U2 fan who has been longing for an album reminiscent of *The Joshua Tree and Achtung Baby*. Not only have U2 gone back to their roots, writing tense, catchy songs, but they have reunited with their long time producers, practically fifth and sixth members of the band, Daniel Lanois and Brain Eno. Even *War* producer, Steve Lillywhite, shows up to mix a few of the songs. This is the first U2 album where the production does not take away from the subtle beauty of the songs. This record allows the band to breathe in each of the songs, and instead of adding any electronic beats and bleeps (*Pop*) or distortion interference (*Achtung Baby*), they let the songwriting speak for itself.

Bono states that he just wants to write a good melody, and with U2's tenth record he not only writes one, but eleven of them.

Throughout their career, U2 have always been searching and experimenting through their music. Some of their best material like "With or Without You", "One", and "Where the Streets Have No Name," all have a tension stemmed out of longing. This tension is still present on *All That You...* ,but it seems with this record that the band has come closer to finding "what they were looking for." On *All That You Can't Leave Behind*, Bono states that he just wants to write a good melody and with U2's tenth record he not only writes one, but eleven of them.

Courtesy of www.yahoo.com

U2 returns to their roots with their new album, *All That You Can't Leave Behind*.

Also coming out this week is OutKasts' fourth album, *Stankonia*. This record definitely lives up to its title as being one of the stankiest records I have ever heard (and I mean that in the most complimentary way). With *Stankonia*, Big Boi and Andre 3000 make a hip hop record that is funky, revolutionary, sexy, and insane all at the same time. From the opening track, "Gasoline Dreams" with its electric guitar riff shredding over a funkadelic track, one knows they are in for a ride. *Stankonia* is the alternative experimental hip hop

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Election 2000 Meeting the Candidates

Former President Bush visits Cedar Crest

By Theresa Leinker
Contributing Writer

Driving home last Tuesday afternoon, flipping through radio stations, I heard an announcement that former President George Bush would be at Cedar Crest College the following Thursday. My roommate and I signed ourselves up to the waiting list from Allentown's Republican Headquarters.

Arriving at Cedar Crest on Thursday afternoon, the school seemed well-prepared to meet the President and the crowds - parking was directed and a line of excited people formed outside. We made our way inside the Cedar Crest gymnasium, which held about 800 Bush fans, several local politicians, TV cameras, and the lively Whitehall Zephyr band and color guard group. We crammed ourselves into the standing area and made our way in front of the podium. For the next two-and-a-half hours, the mass of Republican supporters waved their red, white, and blue pompoms, shook their Bush/Cheney 2000 signs, and answered the enthusiastic prompts of Len Gruppo, the Republican candidate for Northampton County State Representative. Also on hand to give speeches and otherwise occupy the crowd were the President of Cedar Crest College, Northampton/ Lehigh County Senator Charlie Dent, and the First Lady of Pennsylvania Michelle Ridge. Meanwhile, the band played on, filling the empty podium's space with tunes of "God Bless America."

Finally, former President Bush was announced to be in the building. We prepared ourselves, chanting, "BUSH! BUSH!". His entrance and his entire speech, was incredibly upbeat, enthusiastic, and rather witty. He detailed George W. Bush's four main goals for the Presidency, and assured us that we could be certain of one thing: George W., will, the moment he takes the oath, restore integrity and honor to the office of the President. He also spoke of his family's pride for both of his sons, and reinforced the family values by which George W. lives. President Bush also touched on the relevance of voting to young people, especially college students, and recognized Cedar Crest's successful work to register every single one of its students. The speech lasted less than fifteen minutes, but the local appearance was not just a contribution to his son's campaign, it also showed former President Bush's strong dedication to public.

Vice President Gore speaks in Bethlehem

By Andy Kent
Contributing Writer

Al Gore arrived in Fountain Hill Township last Friday night only to be excited and humbled by the crowd of his supporters chanting, "Go, Al, Go!" Gore, the Vice President and Democratic Party presidential nominee, arrived in the Lehigh Valley for another rally as Election Day draws nearer.

The evening began with polka music, incorporating Gore propaganda in the song. The audience seemed perturbed by the band, but became ecstatic during the "Chicken Dance."

Following the band, the crowd was introduced to the mayors of Fountain Hill and Bethlehem, who both introduced the Democrats for the local elections.

As the candidates were introduced, the mayors repeatedly said, "Take back the People's House."

Nearly fifty Muhlenberg students were among the crowd, and they all became excited by the event. Students left the rally with overwhelming support for Gore.

At one moment during his explanation of his healthcare plan, an older female cried out, "My husband died because of the HMO's." Gore met the issue, stating that his plan would allow more freedom for her and her family. Following the response, Gore invited her to talk about her story and how he proposed to help.

Lael Schwartz '01, was surprised by Gore's response to the plea.

"He could have easily blamed the Republicans, blamed George W.... He seemed like he wanted to rectify her problem," Schwartz said. "He could have looked like a saint in front of the cameras."

Instead, Gore made the plea a private issue. He tried to be personal, naming specific unions and people. Gore also steered away from name-calling. However, he discussed his social security plan and George W. Bush's "fuzzy math."

Gore was not the only politician on stage. He was proceeded by Ed Randell, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Representative Patrick Kennedy (D-RI), and Ed O'Brien. O'Brien, the Allentown Democratic candidate for United States representative, argued that his opponent, Pat Toomey (R-PA), was not responsive to the people of the Lehigh Valley. He reviewed his own history as a union member, attempting to connect with the blue-collar audience.

Students attend Nader Rally in Madision Square Garden

By Dustin Stein
Contributing Writer

On Friday, October 13, 20 Muhlenberg students joined another 15,000 gathered at Madison Square Garden in support of Green party presidential candidate, Ralph Nader. Nader was joined by musicians such as Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, Ben Harper, Ani DiFranco, and Patti Smith. They were there to support the man who has dedicated the last forty years of his life to the advocacy of consumer rights.

Nader is largely responsible for consumer empowering legislation such as the Clean Air and Water Acts, Air Bag and Seat Belt Legislation, and other consumer protection acts.

The evening opened with Phil Donahue as the emcee discussing the need for people to "vote their "conscience;" to vote for a candidate that is honest and stands up for people's values and ideals, not the big, almighty corporate dollar.

The evening had its enlightening moments; the most memorable to the crowd was probably Michael Moore's speech. He said that the current political landscape has resulted in a resignation by the American people to vote between the candidates backed by the two major political parties. While Americans seem resigned to vote for what they feel is the lesser of two evils, Michael Moore was quick to point out that "either way you still get evil."

This is the time for us to stand firm and uphold our values. We must remain uncompromising, for in compromising we emerge as the true losers. By holding true to our values and uniting in the name of this great cause, we will win. Ralph Nader may not win the election, but if he gains enough support, his voice, and our cries will be heard. There is only one man whose heart is in the right place. There is only one man who will help us realize the democracy envisioned by this country's forefathers, where all men, not all dollars, are created equal. His name is Ralph Nader.

Were you informed enough to vote in the election?

"I think that all of the debates and press on the debates informed me enough to make my choice."
- Barry Labendz '04

"I have been informed through my study of the primaries in school, watching the debates, and by reading information."
- Rich Kip '04

"I watched the debates, and I feel I'm informed enough. I could have read more about the candidates in newspapers though."
- Genna M. Alber '03

"I watched some debates, but... everything I learned is usually through reading newspaper headlines."
- Anthony Church '03

"I found myself to be more influenced by others' opinions because I didn't have the chance to really watch the debates."
- Stacy Moore '04

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

Aries 3/21-4/19
Everything you do should have a purpose. Time is on your side, but only if you use it wisely.

Taurus 4/20-5/20
You know as well as anyone that you must take care of yourself. You should accept yourself for who you are.

Gemini 5/21-6/21
Don't let your emotions get in the way of your common sense this week. You may be likely to overreact to someone who seems determined to annoy you.

Cancer 6/22-7/22
Try not to worry too much about something that is not in your power to control. Although it may be negative, the long-term results will be positive.

Leo 7/23-8/22
Even the simplest issues may confuse you. To overcome these trivial problems, become better organized and exert more energy.

Virgo 8/23-9/22
Take advantage of the next few days to get things done. Once all of your assignments are done spend your time relaxing and catching up on your sleep.

Libra 9/23-10/22
Try to take it easy for the next few days. The week that is approaching will be very energetic, yet exhausting.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
You can put creative tension into good use if you're in the right state of mind. Let cooperation and compromise be your guides.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21
Carry out your duties with good humor and confidence. Someone in a position of influence is watching you.

Capricorn 12/22-1/19
Learn a few jokes and gather a few insights that will make your life more comfortable and interesting, if not more productive. Everyone knows you have been working hard.

Aqaurius 1/20-2/18
Others may be a bit mystified as to why you do the things you do.

Only you know better than anyone else that your values are in line.

Pisces 2/19-3/20
You may want to take extra care to listen to voices of authority these days. They may be able to guide on the path to success.

New releases deemed success

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album that De La Soul should have made this year, but didn't. On *Stankonia*, Outkast blends all their influences together and create a fresh identity for themselves. This identity consists of equal parts Parliament Funkadelic, Photek, James Brown, and a Tribe Called Quest. This blending of influences stretches the boundaries and the conception of hip hop music. Southern hip hop is usually bogged down with bogus bragging , machismo, and chauvinistic overtones, but Outkast manage to avoid falling into any of these pitfalls while still keeping their rep. A perfect example of this is on the unbelievably catchy, "Ms. Jackson", which documents Andres' trouble with one of his girlfriend's mothers. Andre 3000 sings on the song's hook, "I'm sorry Ms. Jackson, I am for real / Never meant to make your daughter cry / I apologized a million times," trying to prove that he is valid to marry her daughter. He comes off as genuinely sweet and sincere and the track is funky as all hell. On the first single, "B.O.B" , Outkast gets political rhyming over a track that is equal parts drum, bass and seventies guitar rock. In "B.O.B", Big Boi rhymes gangsta style asking, "Did you ever think a pimp could rock a microphone?" and Dre holds down the political awareness , "Stack of questions with no answers / cure for cancer, cure for AIDs / get back home thangs are wrong / not really, they wuz bad all along." The listener also gets a blazing electric guitar solo. What more could anyone want?

A member of Outkast performs at a recent concert.

With their first record, *southernplayalisticadillacmuzik*, Outkast introduced the world to a playalistic version of hip hop. With their second record, *Atliens*, they added a psychadelic dimension to the pimp game. With their third and critically acclaimed record, *Aquemini*, the duo added some political consciousness to the mix with great results. And now with *Stankonia*, Outkast takes all their ideas and bakes them up into one stank cake that not only redefines the boundaries of hip hop, but is also the most funktastic, motherfunk of a record I have heard in the past ten years.

U2 and Outkast release new fall albums

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Audience member Sally Thompson says, "I was surprised with the amount of talent in our school. The show was very professional."

"The show has been the most rewarding show I've ever stage managed," Jamie Harkins said. "The cast is very close."

Although the show is overdramatic in nature, somehow the cast manages to suspend the audience's disbelief. The audience believes that there really is a man-eating plant, sadistic dentist, and singing and dancing ragamuffins.

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Bedazzled
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 9:50; Sat.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 9:50; Sun.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40

Meet the Parents
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 8:10

Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadow
Fri.—5:00, 8:00, 10:20; Sat.— 2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:20; Sun.—2:00 5:00, 8:00

Charlie's Angels
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.- 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sun - 1:50, 4:50, 8:15

Remember the Titans
Fri.—4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sat.—1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sun.—1:30, 4:30, 8:20

Lucky Numbers
Fri—4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:50

Legend of Bagger Vance
Fri.—4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 8:00

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Bedazzled
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —1:10, 3:20, 5:30, 7:45, 10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Pay it Forward
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:30, 4:05, 7, 9:40

Charlie's Angels
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Lost Souls
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2, 4:40, 7:35, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

The Exorcist
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1, 3:40, 6:40, 9:20 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Meet the Parents
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:25 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Lucky Number
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 9:45 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Remember the Titans
Fri. Sat., and Sun.— 1:40, 4:20, 7:15, 9:35

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.— midnight

Field hockey deals with tough loss in first ever Conference tournament

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

As the field hockey team packed their bags and departed for Johns Hopkins last Thursday, they had one goal in mind: to win two games and earn the automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Field Hockey Tournament. The goal went unfulfilled as the Mules lost in the semifinals of the first ever Centennial Conference Tournament on Friday against the Blue Jays of Johns Hopkins, but according to head coach Kristen Stuckel, "It was a major accomplishment just to be there [at the tournament]."

The Mules clinched their playoff berth by defeating Bryn Mawr 8-0 last Wednesday in the final home game of the season. The dominating win over the Mawrters saw seniors Kerry Lambert and Kelly Gower notch hat tricks for the Mules. Lambert's hat trick was the first of her career while Gower recorded her second of the season and fourth of her career. The game was particularly exciting in that both Gower and Lambert were playing their final games at Scotty Wood Stadium. Lambert said the victory "was a great way to end the regular season." With the Mules' victory over Bryn Mawr, they tied for fourth overall in the Centennial Conference. Coach Stuckel commented, "It was a great experience for the team to be part of the inaugural post-season tournament." She said the new format was "exciting for the Conference" and that having a tournament, as opposed to an outright winner, "kept motivation high all season." The Mules qualified for the Conference Tournament because they defeated both the Franklin & Marshall Diplomats and the Gettysburg Bullets during the regular season.

Once at the Centennial Conference Tournament in Baltimore, MD, the Mules had the daunting task of facing Johns Hopkins, with a record of 15-4, in their semifinal game. Hopkins cruised to a 9-0 conference record during the regular season.

The Mules could not break the Blue Jays winning streak on Friday as they lost 2-0. Muhlenberg received possession of the ball on the opening coin toss, took the ball down the field, had a centering pass on goal, but could not convert. The Blue Jays then took control and scored only 1:48 into the game. Johns Hopkins scored again midway through the first half. Although the defense for the Mules tightened in the second half and did not allow any more goals, it was too late and the Mules were defeated to end their season at 9-9 overall.

Coach Stuckel said, "We played a good, strong game. We had opportunities on goal and we just didn't take advantage of them." Captain Kerry Lambert echoed Stuckel's comments saying, "Collectively, we played a good game. We kept up our intensity, but we just couldn't put the ball in the net." Lambert also believes Hopkins deserves the NCAA bid saying, "They had a great season and should be the Centennial Conference representative."

Even though the Mules finished with a 9-9 overall record, they did finish in the top four of the Conference, which was a goal for the team at the beginning of the season. Lambert believes a lot of the credit for the Mules' success this season should go to first year coach Kristen Stuckel. Lambert said, "She had an incredible impact on our play and skill this year. Everyone gave it their all every game and played their best." Stuckel recognized the difficulty of adjusting to a new coach and said she "commends the team for their hard work, dedication, and focus."

Men's soccer blanks Swarthmore; face must-win situation for playoff berth

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

Following their disappointing 1-0 loss to Franklin & Marshall on Wednesday, the men's soccer team looked to play well offensively on Saturday when they visited Swarthmore. But the phrase "played well" cannot begin to describe the explosive offensive flurry the Mules dished out in a 7-0 riot over Swarthmore.

Sophomore forward Ben Long put the Mules on the board when he converted a pass from Justin Marx. The Mules' offense continued to apply the pressure to Swarthmore's defense, and as the first half came to a close, Senior Brad Kocher beat Swarthmore goalie Chris Milla to double the Mules' lead. Marx and Peter Topping were credited with the assists on Kocher's goal.

However, the Mules did not sit back on their 2-0 halftime lead and instead exploded minutes into the second half, scoring four unanswered goals within a span of 3:24. Junior David Vassilaros started the scoring barrage when he converted a penalty kick at the 52:40 mark. Just 1:20 later, Long nailed his second goal of the afternoon with an assist from Tom Hartey. A minute later, Hartey added another assist when his pass to Dave Paxson resulted in Paxson's goal, increasing the Muhlenberg lead to 5-0. Hartey capped the onslaught by scoring an unassisted goal of his own at 56:04. Finally, sophomore forward Kevin Disch concluded the scoring of the day with an unassisted goal with just under 14 minutes remaining in the match.

The Mules offensive pressure was highlighted in their 16-3 advantage of shots on goal, along with an 11-1 edge in corner kicks. Defensively, the Mules held the home team to a mere three shots on goal and only a single corner kick. Junior Rob Pomento and freshman Brendon McKeown split the shutout in goal, combining for two saves in the victory. The win improved the Mules' Centennial Conference record to 5-3. It also gave the team their largest margin of victory since last year's similar 7-0 trouncing of Swarthmore.

While the offense exploded Saturday afternoon, it was unable to register a goal Monday night as the Mules dropped their home finale 1-0 to visiting rival Moravian. Despite owning a 10-4 advantage in corner kicks, Muhlenberg was out shot 11-8 during the contest. The lone goal of the match came with eighteen minutes remaining when Moravian forward Van Pham capitalized on a rebound in front of the net to score the eventual game-winning goal. Pomento registered six saves in the contest. For Moravian, Greg Bechtel and Ryan Scully shared the goaltending duties, combining for three saves while earning the shutout victory. The loss dropped the Mules' overall record to 9-7 with one match remaining on the season.

With their Centennial Conference record standing at 5-3, the Mules are currently in a four-way tie for third place in the conference with Washington, Franklin & Marshall, and Western Maryland. All four teams trail undefeated conference leader Johns Hopkins and second-ranked Gettysburg College. The team's lone remaining conference match-up is a visit to 2-6 Ursinus this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. With the top four teams in the league making the playoffs, the Mules face a must-win situation on Saturday if they hope to keep their postseason hopes alive.

Bears left growling

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to get a hand on him," Ximinies said. "I knew he had the bad knee, and I was hoping that would slow him down."

Another all-Bernard drive set the Mules up for a 37-yard field goal with two minutes remaining, but this time Dickinson's kick sailed wide left, giving the Bears the ball on their own 20.

The defense held, though, and after three straight incomplete passes, Ursinus was forced to punt to Carter. Unfortunately, the normally sure-handed Carter fumbled on the Mule 39-yard line and gave the Bears the ball right back with excellent field position.

A third-and-seven situation was revoked after a costly personal foul on the Mules gave Ursinus a crucial first down. Sure enough, three plays later the score was 21-12 and the Mule lead decreased a little more. Another failed two-point attempt brought a temporary sigh of relief from the Red and Gray sidelines.

The fourth started with a Mule punt and then a great interception on Vecchio by DB Mike Burke to set the Mules up with excellent field position. Bernardo carried twice and McCabe completed once to Jim DePreta, the target of all four of McCabe's total completions, to put the ball on the 24. However, Dickinson continued to have trouble with the windy conditions as his 41-yard FG attempt fell short of the mark for the third time.

The defense put up a good fight on the ensuing drive, keeping the Bears in their own territory, but the punt was once again fumbled by Carter, leaving the Bears with 23 yards left to the goal line. It took nine plays for DeGioso to cross into the end zone. Opting for the kick this time, Ursinus closed to within two points with 3:43 left in the game.

With a comeback staring them in the face, the Mules gave a new definition to ball control, eating up the final minutes and stealing the victory away from the Bears, 21-19.

The Mules barely edged out the Bears in time of possession, keeping the ball for just over 31 minutes. Due to the wind, McCabe was 4 of 15 for a measly 36 yards, all to DePreta. Carter was unusually quiet, amassing only 38 yards on kickoff returns and giving away the two fumbles. The defense, led by Ximinies and Jones, who had two sacks, held Ursinus to 212 total yards on the day. Burke had the only interception of the game.

This week the Mules face off against the Hartwick Hawks (6-2) in a non-conference game at home. The last time these two teams met the Mules got shutout 21-0. This 1998 home opener was also then-sophomore Mike McCabe's first start at quarterback.

Ximinies spoke on the team's outlook toward the next game. "We want to finish this season undefeated at home. That's our main goal right now."

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web site

The men's golf team finished 5th out of 7 teams at the 2000 Centennial Conference Championship at Eagles Landing Golf Club in Berlin, Maryland. The team scored 648, eight points behind the overall leader Western Maryland . Senior Steve Moore and sophomore Andy Wright led the Mules as they both tied 15th place with an overall score of 164.

The women defeated Ursinus and Wilkes to finish 17-11 overall and 4-6 in the Centennial Conference.

Meaghan Billie had 21 kills and Lisa Giammalvo had 15 to pull out a close 3-2 win over Ursinus. Laura Funsten contributed with a triple-double (46 assists, 11 kills, 15 digs).

The team blanked Wilkes, 3-0, behind the play of senior Jen Kahn (10 kills), Billie, and Funsten. Billie finished the season with 344 kills, and Funsten passed 2,000 career assists.

In an individual meet at Vassar for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Northeast Regionals, senior Robby Richman and sophomore Brad Scheller both reached the second round of play.

Scheller also played doubles with fellow sophomore Cameron Parke.

This meet concludes the short fall 'pre-season' for tennis. The real season gets into full swing in March.

Profile of a Mule

Lambert relinquishes glory of the past for a vision of the future

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor

"Sports have been the guiding force of my life," says senior Kerry Lambert. She is one of the captains for Muhlenberg's field hockey team, whose season ended last Friday.

Lambert began playing sports at an early age when she took up softball. However, she always knew that she would end up playing the two sports she is involved with now, field hockey and lacrosse. She had an influence from her older cousins who led the way for her in these activities. Lambert has made many sacrifices throughout her life in order to stay a devoted player. She gave up softball as well as jazz and tap dancing, which she was committed to for seven years, in order to mold herself into a better player.

As a high school senior, Lambert learned of Muhlenberg through her English teacher, who highly recommended the college. She decided to come here last minute, without even a tour or interview. Although she wasn't very sure what would lie ahead in her career here, Lambert has been greeted with nothing but success.

She is currently the captain for the field hockey team, where she plays the position of right wing. Although the girls' record is 9-9 overall and 5-4 in the Centennial Conference, Lambert feels this is not a reflection of their true abilities.

She states, "I don't think that our record really shows the potential and talent that we have individually or as a team. I also don't think it shows everything that we have accomplished over the season." As for the team's losses, Lambert comments, "We started off the season playing very well and winning a lot of our games. Then later as we were up against some tough competition we lost a bit of our focus and did not play as well. The other teams in the Conference are very challenging."

Despite their record, Lambert is very satisfied with her involvement with sports here. She has found that the girls on the team are basically her "complete social circle." She even lives with her co-captain, Kristin George.

Lambert commented on their relationship, saying, "We met the first week of hockey camp and she has been a great friend ever since. We have done everything together through hockey and we understand each other very well as athletes as well as best friends."

She also attributes much of her success to her parents, and her father in particular. "They are both big supporters of me and of the team. I usually see my dad about three times a week when we have games because he always makes an effort to come." Lambert is glad that she has had such positive influences in her athletic and personal lives.

It is obvious that Lambert has no regrets about what she has been involved with for her four years at Muhlenberg. "Everything has also made me a very well-rounded person; it is a challenge to maintain two sports, academics, and all of the other commitments that I have in my life." She faces a difficult decision coming up for the spring athletic season, though. Lambert must choose between student teaching and lacrosse, a choice which she claims will be "very hard to make" since both mean so much to her.

Lambert is an English major who is obtaining her certification for elementary education. She hopes to become a teacher for young children and while not in school, coach on a higher level such as in middle school or high school. This way she will be able to continue with her love of the sport even if she is not playing.

Lambert hopes to pass on some of the knowledge that her coach, Kristen Stuckel, has brought to their team. "The new coaching program has made a huge impact on our team. The coach has reinstalled confidence in our ability. She has helped us greatly to work on skill plays and passing and taught us to set goals that we can reach for." Kerry Lambert is optimistic that she will be able to have such a profound influence when she herself becomes a coach and a teacher.

14 Cross Country runners to participate in NCAA Mideast Regionals

By Mike Billet
Sports Editor

The Muhlenberg Cross-Country team set foot on the Western Maryland course with higher expectations than last year at the Centennial Conference Championships. The eight-kilometer (4.97 miles) course consisted of many sharp twists and turns, and was anchored by two hills. The cool breeze added another challenge to the day, as many runners were slow to start, but quickly gained speed as the race wore on.

The men's team finished fourth out of eight teams with a score of 107 points. This was their highest finish ever in the Centennial Conference Championship, which the college joined in 1993. Sophomore Brendan Gallagher and junior Will Elson propelled the team, finishing twelfth and nineteenth respectively. Gallagher with his twelfth place finish, made second team all Centennial Conference.

He praised the team "for running very well together."

The team finished only five points behind third place Gettysburg, but was optimistic about their performance on Saturday.

Senior captain Chris Catalano expressed similar sentiments when he said, "This was the best finish we ever had. The team worked really well together and we had a strong team mentality. Due to our recent additions to the team and a more serious attitude than last year, we as a team have been more focused on winning and working together." Senior co-captain Mike Kimelman shared a different approach by saying, "The team has room for improvement, but we still have a lot to be proud of. The first to last person on this team has worked really hard making for a great team camaraderie."

Head Coach Linda Andrews was pleased with the team's overall effort. "The men ran a good race with good team effort." However, she quickly added, "Our best race is yet to come at the NCAA Mideast Regional on November 11th at Dickinson."

The women's cross country team finished seventh out of ten teams, one place higher than the eight placement they held last year. Senior Captain Laura Roth was the first finisher for the Mules, and the 26th overall finisher of the race with a time of 20:55.70. Senior co-captain Lynn Garzella said, "Everyone did well and had good times. We worked as a team and were successful."

Head Coach Linda Andrews was pleased with the women's effort as well. "The women ran a good solid race, and moved up one position from last year's standing. The team moved from eighth to seventh place:"

These seven men will represent the men's cross-country team at the NCAA Mideast Regional.
Brendan Gallagher-27: 24.99 (12)
Will Elson-28: 06.18 (19)
Rob Uniszkiewicz-28: 37.38 (27)
Chris Catalano-28: 54.42 (33)
Brian Cash-29: 13.79 (31)
Rich Kipp-29: 42.12 (45)
Nate Horst-30: 04.87 (49)

These seven women will represent the Muhlenberg's women's cross country team at the NCAA Mideast Regional.
Laura Roth-20: 55.70 (26)
Katie Garrett-20: 58.40 (29)
Diana Garretto-21: 17.80 (43)
Stephanie Melko-21: 38.80 (55)
Kristin Tylenda-21: 42.10 (57)
Laura Garland-21: 42.80 (58)
Melissa Tarlowski-22: 07.60 (71)

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Women's soccer places first in Centennial Conference and gets NCAA playoff bid

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's soccer team claimed a first place victory in the Centennial Conference on Saturday after shutting out Ursinus (1-0). This is the first time the Mules have won the Centennial Conference, earning them an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament, which began Wednesday against Johnson and Wales (18-12). Muhlenberg completed their regular season with an overall record of 14-3-2, and a record of 8-1-1 in the Conference.

At the regular season closer against Ursinus, senior captain Alissa Desiderio scored the only goal of the game, with a pass from freshman Dawn Iberer. Iberer passed near the top of the penalty box. Sophomore goalie Kim Laurino stopped five shots, making the team's tenth shutout of the season a new record for the Mules.

Last Wednesday, the team shut out Centenary (N.J.) 4-0. Although it was a non-conference victory, the Mules set many a precedent--four different players scored to complete this ninth shutout of the 2000 season. Junior Nancy Grove scored her sixth goal of the season, assisted by senior captain Jen Sands. About eight minutes later, Sands completed her sixth assist of the season, when passing to Iberer. Sophomore Jamie Gluck's unassisted goal and junior Jennifer Ehret's goal were their first of the season, contributing to the team's four goals. Denae Bordeaux had two saves.

The 2000 season holds records for the most goals scored in a season, most wins in a season, and most consecutive shutouts. For the past two years, the Mules have been competing for first place possession of the Centennial Conference. Although this is their first season in first place, for the past two seasons they have won back-to-back ECAC Mid-Atlantic tournament championships. They tied for second place in the Conference last year, just a few goals shy of winning the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

For the first NCAA tournament game held yesterday, the Mules hosted Johnson and Wales at home, who are also making their NCAA debut. The team holds first place in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference.

Photo by Scott Swartz
Jennie Vroman pursues the ball with the goal in sight.

The winner of Wednesday's game will travel to Messiah College on Friday to play the top ranked team in the country, The College of New Jersey. Scranton (16-3-1) and Ithaca (11-4-2) will play the other first round match in the Mid-Atlantic Region; the winner will face Messiah on Friday.

Mighty Mules leave Bears growling with 21-19 win

By Joe Trentacoste
Managing Editor

After losing star running back Anthony Wolfsohn for the remainder of the season last week, the Mules needed to find a new offensive weapon to use in their battle against the tough Ursinus Bears. The answer to their woes came blasting out of the class of 2004 - freshman running back Matt Bernardo.

Bernardo set the pace for the game, rushing for 239 yards on 39 carries and scoring all three of the Mules' touchdowns. He ran right over an Ursinus defense who thought it were going to have an easy time pushing around the down-and-out Mules.

It was a good thing that Bernardo did the pushing, as gusty winds made the passing game nonexistent. Both quarterbacks combined for a total of 12 completions on 43 attempts, a disappointing figure for all those who expected to see an air show.

Ursinus received the kickoff, and after trading punts with the Mules twice, set them up on the fifty-yard line with three minutes remaining in the first quarter. Three straight Bernardo rushes set up a third and four, which was the key play in the drive. A Mike McCabe pass to Carter was ruled incomplete, but pass interference on Ursinus gave the Mules first down on the 11-yard line. Two plays later, Bernardo broke through for a ten yard run into the end zone. That would be the only score in the first quarter, but it was becoming clear who the go-to guy was this week.

The second quarter started with a failed Mule drive, but DB David Morris fumbled the James Barski punt and gave the Mules the ball back on the Ursinus 24-yard line. LB JP Skarpetowski had the recovery.

Photo by Scott Swartz
Matt Bernardo evades a tackler.

Twenty-four rushing yards later, Bernardo crossed the goal line again to make it 14-0. The drive only took a minute and 55 seconds. Bernardo carried on all four plays.

The second of four Ursinus fumbles gave the Mules a chance to score again, but after five plays, Mike Dickinson's 44-yard field goal attempt into the wind dropped just short of the crossbar. McCabe fumbled on a third down scramble, but Bernardo recovered it.

Another Ursinus punt gave the Mules the ball back on their own 25-yard line. After two short runs gave them another first down, Bernardo burst free on a 60-yard scamper that brought him all the way to the Ursinus three-yard line. It took him two plays to score for the third time, putting the Mules up 21-0 with 4:46 left in the half. Bernard had all 75 yards on the two-minute drive.

That would be the last time the Mules scored, and on the very next drive Ursinus running back Brian DeGioso blew by defenders on a 57-yard touchdown run to finally put the Bears on the board. A pass by kicker Tim Noone fell incomplete, but the shutout was lost.

McCabe started mixing things up on the next Mule possession, but after two incomplete passes, Wes Spence was sacked on fourth down, turning the ball over. However, the last drive of the half ended on a sack by DE Dave Jones.

The second half opened much like the first, with both teams punting back and forth. The one bright spot of the quarter came at about five minutes in with Ursinus driving. After breaking up a first-and-ten pass, DT Ian Ximinies slipped through the offensive line and sacked Bears' QB Frank Vecchio for a ten-yard loss. In addition to the sack, Ximinies had 10 tackles on the day, earning him Centennial Conference defensive player of the week honors.

"I got through, and I just tried

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Elections highlight political influence across curriculum

Mix of activism and apathy

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Tuesday marked the climax of an election campaign that has reached across the curriculum and has enlisted flocks of students as spokesmen for their causes.

From the College Democrats and College Republicans, both of which sponsored a vote drive, to the persistent table of Nader supporters in Seegers lobby, to the discussions in classes across the curriculum, it was nearly impossible not to be aware of Tuesday's election.

But that's as far as it goes in some cases, according to professors who have used the election as a topic in their classes.

Dr. Jack Gambino, Associate Professor of Political Science, said that though there is strong interest in this election, students will continue the trend toward low participation. "Muhlenberg is reflective of a larger national culture of young people toward civic disengagement," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if we had a lower turnout nationally."

"Nationally, students are not going to be voting and participating in any great numbers," Gambino said. He believes that the enthusiasm for participation this year, both among students and among general voters, is peculiar to Muhlenberg.

In a poll conducted by a political science class, 75 percent of students said they planned to vote. There is an increased sense of apathy to match the energy that some express.

In unscientific interviews conducted by The Muhlenberg Weekly, that apathy has shown through more prominently than the poll suggests.

One student, when approached by a Weekly editor, would not comment, saying only: "You wouldn't want to write what I have to say."

Others were embarrassed to admit that they didn't vote and

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Chapel closed after small fire

Opened Sunday for Deans' ceremony

By Jodi Stark
Weekly Staff Writer

A fire in the Chapel at around midnight Friday caused some damages in the building. According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, The Day of the Dead display was destroyed as well as two card tables.

The leg and underside of a wooden table next to the display was burned as well.

Dr. Erica Sutherland of the Languages, Literatures and Cultures department helped to organize the Day of the Dead display. The display was part of a Mexican tradition commemorating the celebration of All Saints Day.

The fire was discovered at 12:05 a.m. by Officer Jim Thamarus, who went to lock up the chapel for the night.

He saw flames on the left side of the chapel where the display had been, and radioed the situation to Campus Safety.

Officer Thamarus and Sergeant Todd Glass used four extinguishers to put out the fire and by the time the Allentown Fire Department arrived, the fire had pretty much been knocked down.

Also present at the scene were the Allentown Police Department and the Muhlenberg College Emergency Medical Service.

At 12:15 a.m., ten minutes after the fire had been reported, a call from Sigma Phi Epsilon came in regarding disorderly student conduct.

Campus Safety responded to this complaint and eventually ended up at Tau Kappa Epsilon where the misbehaved individuals had gone.

There was some confusion among the student body about whether or not Tau Kappa Epsilon had any part in the fire. The fraternity was in no way involved.

It just happened that the fire and the misconduct occurred within ten minutes of each

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Traffic dangers reviewed with Campus Safety and engineer

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Staff Writer

What do automobiles, cameras and blue lights all have in common?

Well, all three are safety related and were the topics discussed in a Nov. 6 meeting between Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole, Student Council member and Campus Safety Committee chair Juliet Kholi and two members of the Allentown Bureau of Traffic Planning & Control.

Chew Street is the busiest street on campus. In fact the area of Chew St. between 23rd and 26th Sts. is considered the most dangerous areas in terms of traffic, according to Lupole.

It should come as no surprise that the majority of car accidents occur in that vicinity, according toLupole.

It should also come as no surprise that people have a tendency to speed on Chew St., risking the lives of pedestrians and drivers. The obvious ques-

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Busy weekend for visiting parents

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

Photo by Scott Swartz

In the Powder Puff game Saturday, Christina Coviello vs. Michelle Zito (left) and Jessica McCourt vs. Des Carmona (right)

Friday kicked off this year's Family Weekend. Becky Grace, Director of Student Life, said: "I have to say that I've probably been doing family weekend for about 10 years and this is by far the most successful."

The weekend began with the opportunity for parents to observe classes.

Parents were invited to attend lectures throughout the day, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. This enabled parents to meet professors and better understand the material their children are learning.

Parents could register for the weekend in the Baker Center for the Arts on Friday from noon until 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. until noon.

The senior class auction was conveniently located in the entrance way of the CA. Items were donated by members of the faculty and parents of the class of 2001. These items were then put up for silent auction. Parents and students were able to place their bids on sheets of paper in front of the items. Throughout the weekend, people were free to raise their bids. At the conclusion of the weekend, the highest bid was recorded and the items distributed. Such items up for auction this year were a dinner for six at the house of President Taylor and his wife,

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Who wants pizza?

A comprehensive review of area pizza shops. Is the sauce too salty? Is the cheese too greasy? Does it cost too much? Find out with a full-page review of pizza parlors. Page 10.

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Library noise guidelines

Student Council is looking into making guidelines for library noise. Page 6.

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Blast from the past: update those printers fast!

The Office of Information Technology has a lot to answer for at Trexler Library. On any given day, students demanding immediate solutions to their computer and printer-related problems inundate the Reference and Circulation Desks. The librarians and circulation assistants are rendered powerless, only able to utter a weak; "We'll have OIT fix the problem as soon as possible." The problem therein falls directly under the jurisdiction of Harry Miller and his staff. Unfortunately, the aberrations take hours, days, and even weeks to be resolved. These are simple problems: replenishing the paper supply, fixing paper jams, answering maintenance requests...Sources at the Reference Desk claim that every time they call OIT's help desk, they are forced to leave a message. That message, quite often, never gets returned.

In addition to this constant stream of complaints—upwards of five or six per day—there is also the problem of printers. According to Hewlett Packard and IBM, our HP Laserjet IVs and IBM Proprinters are preposterously out of date. The OIT link on Muhlenberg's web page that describes these printers hasn't even been updated since March 11, 1999. The printers that we currently depend on all across campus were discontinued as early as 1992. "The IBM Proprinter...is a low-cost, narrow carriage, 24-wire serial dot-matrix impact printer...easily operated by the novice user." Obviously not, considering that neither the students nor the library staff members are allowed to touch these "user friendly" printers.

The question is, why? There is no excuse for the current state of upkeep in the library computer labs. If OIT wants complete authority over the happenings in those labs, then they should employ or train technicians to take charge of the B and C level computer labs during all hours of operation. Lehigh and Lafayette both have technicians available in their library computer labs, ready to fix printers, replace paper and provide other basic services.

At the very least, Muhlenberg deserves the most basic access to the services that they pay so much to receive.

At the very least, Muhlenberg deserves the most basic access to the services that they pay so much to receive. How much will this cost, administrators may ask. The College Policy states, "College Policy prohibits acts that are wasteful of system resources...no sending or forwarding chain letters, sending mass e-mails not directly pertinent to College business; creating unnecessary multiple jobs or processes; or creating unnecessary output or printed material." The library wastes about 500 sheets a night, say members of the library staff. This ridiculous waste of paper probably eats more funds (not to mention trees) than numerous other library expenses. If an OIT-approved support staff was located down in the labs, they could better control the paper output.

The problem is not so much the amount of paper, it is the fact that it is being used in violation of the College Policy. Many times, students have tried to print out their academic papers, only to wait, endlessly, for the 40 pages of Spring Break information to come through the printer. The actions that OIT and the College prohibit are happening, regardless of the careful attention paid by the library workers. It is not fair to prohibit them from aiding the students, on top of having to clean up the messes left by irresponsible students. If there were a technician onsite, solely responsible for the computer labs, then the problems would be far easier to manage, if not immediately solved.

The insanity must end. Just a few weeks ago, students were in a state of panic because none of the printers in the entire library worked. One girl had tears streaming down her face because she needed to print a one-page proposal for a group project the next day. Eventually, Ettinger's computer lab was opened, but this state of panic never should have been allowed to happen. There is something wrong: students should be able to print from the library, or from any public computer lab, for that matter. The librarians should be able to provide these simple services, or OIT needs to employ a technician. Information Technology must have enough funding to be able to pay for such a seemingly minor improvement—one that would help in immeasurable ways.

College policy is being ignored; students and librarians face day after day of frustration; but OIT is nowhere to be found.

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Letters to the Editor

To The Editor,

The students in charge of planning the Senior Prom [October 21, 2000] are to commended for all the work involved in making the occasion a memorable evening for the Seniors. Upon entering, they were greeted warmly by the students, were offered refreshments followed by a wonderful evening of music and dancing.

They presented a singing and dance routine which was superb, and later in the evening door prizes were awarded along with other prizes for special dress attire and best dancers. Comments following the evening were such as: "It gave us all a chance to 'dress up'"; "I haven't danced in twenty years"; and "I haven't had this much fun in a long time." In conclusion, the young men and ladies of Muhlenberg College were extremely attentive, kind, and gracious. Please accept our most sincere "thank you."

Sincerely,
Stella Bailey
from the Phoebe Terrace

To The Editor,

I have attended two football games and wish to emphasize that watching your fellow students play football is not like watching a movie or play the game (basketball, and all other sports) calls for vocal enthusiasm not chatting with friends, looking on in a disinterested way, or being too cool to care. All great colleges and universities have tradition and spirit. It does not necessarily mean that you are promoting sports to be the end all of school life. It would not hurt the school to have such traditions as a specified game in all their sports where all students wear a designated T-shirt with slogan and color; where "rally towels" are sold or distributed in a specified color with slogan; where a marching or pep band is organized even on a voluntary club basis. After all, even a school such as Stanford is renowned for their anarchistic marching band.

I am proud my daughter attends Muhlenberg, and I am proud of the

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To The Editor,

I want to commend the actions of the six members of the Muhlenberg community who demonstrated last Thursday for the moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania. I especially want to praise Nancy Grove and Chris Roberti for their courage and integrity as they were arrested during the demonstration. I genuinely considered participating in the demonstration but thought I shouldn't skip two classes. What would I have missed if I had gone? Two lectures on outdated economic models that clearly do not apply to the real world and have only been exploited by rich countries to take advantage of the third world. OK, maybe that's pushing it a little, but I know I would have served a better purpose in standing up for a cause in which I strongly believe.

Let this act as an encouragement to the Muhlenberg community and to myself. Please consider your priorities and how you spend your

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Chris and Nancy go to prison

Chris Roberti and Nancy Grove
Weekly Guest Columnists

"So...uhhhh...does this go on your permanent record?" People asked us this question more than any other ever since we had been arrested for protesting the death penalty in Philadelphia. The answer is yes, if we are convicted, this will go on our "permanent record."

Excellent! We want it to be on our record. We want to state, in no uncertain terms, that we oppose the death penalty with all of our power. In fact, we oppose it so adamantly that we will sacrifice our freedom in order to abolish this law that condones murder.

A problem we have with laws is that simply by being part of society, it is implicit that we agree with said society's laws. The fact that we abide by the law, implies that we believe in the righteousness of such laws. We do not believe that the death penalty is just, and we see no place for it in any civilized society. We cannot actively or passively support the murder of anyone. So, we risked the loss of our rights to fight for the elimination of capital punishment.

Whether it be Gandhi calling for Indian freedom, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rosa Parks standing up against institutionalized racism, Nelson Mandela campaigning for the termination of apartheid, or the thousands of Chinese college students at Tiennamen Square seeking democracy, non-violent civil disobedience is historically one of the most powerful means toward social change. It is the mighty voice of the people demanding justice. It is true democracy.

"Why is the death penalty so wrong, I mean, these are *guilty* murderers...they *deserve* to be killed." When we hear statements like this, our blood boils. Personally, we do not think it is right for anyone to determine who deserves to die. Furthermore, there are numerous other reasons to oppose the death penalty (if the sanctity of life is not enough). Did you know that a few weeks ago William Nieves, 35, was released from death row after retrial found him not guilty? He was on death row for nearly six years. Do you grasp what this means?!? An *innocent* man sat in a cell awaiting his execution! This, unfortunately, is an all to common occurrence in our country. In addition, most of the death row inmates in Pennsylvania are poor and racial minorities. One reason for this is that they cannot afford a decent lawyer, so the state assigns them one. Unfortunately, it is one of the greatest judicial travesties in America that these lawyers tend to not have the resources necessary to adequately defend their clients. Will someone please tell us why our wonderful "land of the free" allows a system which is so blatantly imperfect and corrupt to murder its citizenry?

> *Handcuffs are not comfy, jail was not fun...but I'd do it again in an instant, and I plan to. This, my friends, is what democracy looks like.*

We have heard people lament that if we abolish the death penalty, then guilty people will be set free to murder again. Perhaps they didn't understand that our correctional system in America has more choices than simply death or freedom. Life imprisonment without parole is an option. We are not asking for the guilty members of our society to be freed. But we am asking for further crimes, including those committed by the state, to end.

Yet another argument for the death penalty goes like this: "Wouldn't you want to kill someone if they raped and murdered your wife/sister/brother/father/son/daughter?" The answer is clearly yes. We would want to kill them with our own hands and be sure that they suffered just as much as our loved one did, and as much as we will for the remainder of our life. However, and thankfully, this is not how laws are determined in the greatest nation on earth. Our judicial system is

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school's recent growth and accomplishments. I think that a shift in attitude to a more outward demonstration of tradition and spirit would be very beneficial to the student body.

- Stewart Kriss

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time. Instead of watching "Real World" reruns (of which I'm guilty), encourage intellectual discourse among friends. We have such a unique opportunity here to live and work in an academic atmosphere. Take advantage of it. Especially now with upcoming changes in the White House, we must not shy away from the difficult issues.

Earlier this year, I attended a rally for Ralph Nader in Boston, and was greatly motivated by his words on the subject: "Replace some of the small talk with exciting political talk about the future of this country and the world and power to the people." Please accept this challenge during this time as well as throughout the remainder of your Muhlenberg experience.

- Beth Freeman '01

And the band plays on...whether we like it or not

Jeff Baird
News Editor

Weeks ago, Stephen Erber, Director of Athletics, issued a curt and formal statement denying the Powder Puff players the football field during the Parents' Weekend halftime show. He said his decision was directed at "enhancing the atmosphere and excitement surrounding Mules football."

Though it turned out there was a sudden and unexplained reversal of that decision, Erber somehow managed to get his way.

I would like to interject at this point that my work with Erber and Powder Puff football has been entirely in the capacity of News Editor, where I have reported fairly (if not truly objectively) the events surrounding the Parents Weekend halftime show. I write this piece as a frustrated spectator and a dissatisfied football customer.

The original debate revolved mostly around a clash of interests: Erber preferred to invite a high school band to play during halftime to stimulate the crowd and the Powder Puff players preferred to take the field, as they believed that parents wouldn't watch the girls' game if it were on the soccer field.

As we reported last week, Erber mysteriously and without explanation reversed his decision to invite the high school band to play during halftime. He instead suggested that the powder puff game and the Perkulators could take place on the field during halftime. Perfect, I thought. Problem solved.

Well, as it happens, a high school band did come. As bands go, it wasn't particularly huge or particularly remarkable. But the band did manage to take up a huge block of space in the bleachers, forcing parents, students and grandparents to stand in front of the concessions by the east side of the field.

To wit: the original argument was that the high school band would displace Muhlenberg students in their activities. The original decision was reversed, rightly, either by Erber or someone else. What happened was worse. It displaced students, parents, grandparents and siblings who just wanted to sit down and watch the game. I, for one, can guarantee that for my parents and me, the band—taking up who-knows-how-many seats—took no steps toward "enhancing the atmosphere and excitement surrounding Mules football."

This is not to mention the atmosphere of the seats immediately surrounding the band. I went up there toward the end of the game to check out the atmosphere that I expected to be full of "excitement."

The atmosphere was that of ringing ears and consistent annoyance.

The band belonged somewhere else, Mr. Erber.

I returned to my perch at the east end of the field, where the three nine year-olds CONTINUED to wrestle and throw shoes at one another. The kids, one of whom wore a Muhlenberg Football sweatshirt, did worlds toward achieving the end of "enhancing the atmosphere and excitement surrounding Mules football."

My point is not that the football game was a disaster. Anyone can read over the news pages and find errors of mine. I recognize that nobody is perfect.

But I do believe that the series of decisions surrounding the parents weekend game represents a misplacement of values. A high school band is invited to sit in the bleachers, but grandparents lean against the fence. Three pre-teenagers throw balls, shoes and each other; wrestle; and provide a grade-A distraction to all the calm and hormonally balanced spectators, yet the Perkulators and the Powder Puff teams suffered through incessant red tape.

I think it's time someone took a look at Parent's Weekend and the values behind the decisions that were made.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic:

The Bush Victory

E-mail Dave at dsobotki@muhlenberg.edu if interested.

Fuels rush in

Dr. James Bloom
Weekly Advisor

This year marks the first year in living institutional memory without an Ethics Center Discourse Day. Newcomers and amnesiacs may need to be reminded about Discourse Day. Every February, for the past several years, the college has suspended regular business, including classes, to discuss and reflect on a topic that linked our intramural schooling to the moral impact of the choices we make and the stands we (or fail to take) every day in the wider world. Fortunately, the Center will continue its worthy efforts this year while shifting to more diffused ethics programming, to a mix of guest lectures and informal discussions throughout the school year. This change of pace affords us an opportunity to step back and look critically what kind of ethics education has both the most impact and the most salutary impact.

Alert readers probably noticed how the Barking Advisor just hastened to distinguish quantity of impact from quality of impact. This careful distinction reflects a couple of on-campus developments over the past two years. Last year's Discourse Day set out to educate the campus community about lying and cheating. Three months later the campus judicial system and the Deans offices found themselves swamped by academic plagiarism and cheating cases, a surge that prompted the powers - to-be to barrage the newly arriving class of 2004 with unsettling warnings about academic integrity.

In 1999, the year before cheating featured as the Discourse Day main act, the environment held center stage. Take a casual walk or perilous drive around our fair campus and you'll notice another seemingly perverse impact. While our ecology-oriented Discourse Day may not be the sole cause, the casual stroller couldn't fail to conclude that this campus could pass for a Sport Utility Vehicle Automall, with a side franchises for pick-up trucks and minivans. The prevalence on campus of such 13-MPG behemoths, nestled among the squirrel-sheltering greenery and all the state-of-the art new learning facilities, can't help but leave the impression that, after hearing all about green house gasses, holes in the ozone, etc., Muhlenbergers decided en masse that that we all wanted to see more cases of childhood asthma, more elderly Americans who need respirators, more war in the Persian Gulf.

Sometimes having important manly work to do can justify bopping around above the fray in an SUV. And it's not just men who get to do SUV-centered manly work. Our very own Campus Safety cadre, for example, obviously needs its fleet of SUVs, in order to traverse the rugged mountain passes, the vast desert reaches, and the treacherous, infested swamps (oops, I mean "wetlands") separating each campus facility from the other.

Posterity may do even more to legitimate Muhlenberg's rush to burn as much fossil fuel as quickly as we can. All this profligate fuel-burning will undoubtedly grant Muhlenberg an honored place in the history books for generations to come. When future generations come to ask (instead of "who let the dogs out"), "who melted the polar ice cap?" which has already become ice-free for several months a year, and when our descendants wonder, "who helped humanity make (not just find) the storied Northwest Passage over the North Pole?," let them show that we here at Muhlenberg can chime in with the proud boast, "we helped."

The dark side of the mirror

Mike Lerman
"Queer View Mirror"
Weekly Guest Columnist

How quickly I must eat my words! I thought that the Muhlenberg campus was a place free from hate and bigotry – as I'd expected on entrance - but I'm proven wrong. As I was walking home from the local Giant, a small black car passed me with two guys in it, and the passenger yelled out quickly, "Faggot!" before speeding away. I didn't catch the license plate number, but I noticed that the passenger was Caucasian with black hair.

I'm not going to warrant a manhunt with such little evidence, although I probably should. In that awful instant, I was reminded how much senseless hate exists in this world. That these people regarded me with contempt, as a threat, shocks me. I, sitting here behind my computer, apparently dealt them a blow akin to punching them in public. My policy of "live and let live" was clearly too in-your-face for them. Chances are, I've never even met these people. But I can only promise these two that I will continue to write, continue to live normally despite them. I don't anticipate any more trouble from these two, as they were cowardly enough to flee at full speed. And if they do, it's their expulsion. I have been assured by the Dean, among others, that Muhlenberg doesn't have any tolerance towards people like that.

I'm not afraid to die, but I'm even less afraid to live in the face of this...repulsive depravity.

And that's another point that I've wanted to make. Martyrs are worth twice their weight in gold to the gay community. Many of the victims whose names are now battle cries, we would never have heard of them. But now they are damn good reasons for federal hate crime legislation. As of now, I'm simply a writer for a newspaper that isn't even on the web. Attack me, and I'm suddenly in quite a lot of newspapers. The law doesn't have tolerance for people that would harm me, either. The kids who killed James Byrd? They're getting the death penalty. The kids who killed Matthew Shepard? They're getting the death penalty. Notice a pattern? The law takes hate crimes very seriously. I'm not afraid to die, but I'm even less afraid to live in the face of this – and I can find no other words strong enough here – repulsive depravity.

Amazing, isn't it? I'm reminded of the Depeche Mode song, "People are People." It goes: "So we're different colors, and we're different creeds/And different people have different needs/It's obvious you hate me, though I've done nothing wrong/I've never even met you so what could I have done?" And the second verse: "Now you're punching and you're kicking and you're shouting at me/I'm relying on your common decency/So far it hasn't surfaced but I'm sure it exists/It just takes a while to travel from your head to your fists." I found this song incredibly accurate.

No, I'm not done with you two, the two of you who shouted at me. For now, that festering amalgam of your ignorance, your intolerance, and your stupidity is its own punishment, and your time of reckoning will come to pass. But try me again, and I can assure you I will take the offensive. I will not be silenced. Not by two faggots like you, anyway.

All in the name of democracy

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not based on Hammurabi's Laws. Our system is not one of vengeance, but one of reason and justice. As such, we need to seek correctional systems that eliminate danger to the public, while upholding the sanctity of all life, even the life of those who have destroyed it.

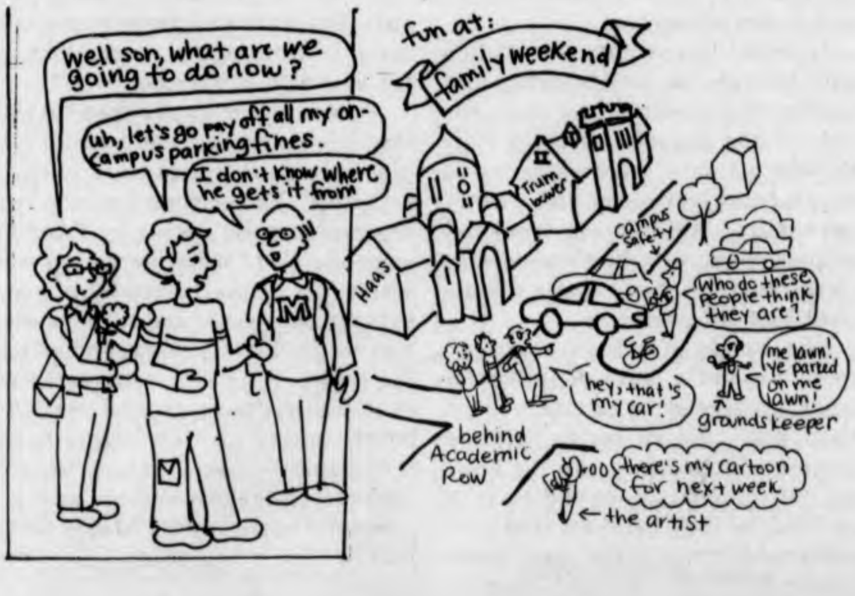
To those who are parents, or who think they will some day be good parents: if your child or future child, swears at you, hits you, or pees on you, what is an appropriate way to respond? Should we scream obscenities at them, kick them across the room, or urinate on them? (This is a rhetorical question.) In its application of justice, the state would look just as foolish by employing an eye for an eye philosophy.

Some claim that it is cheaper to kill a convict than to hold him or her in jail for life. However, in reality, it is much more expensive to execute a convict than it is to keep a convict behind bars for the rest of their life. Even if this were a financial issue, We would pay as much money as we could to keep a person alive in jail, rather than go to bed knowing that my hard earned dollars were used by our government to kill a human. As we have said, even the smallest role in murder is too big for us.

The ideas above, motivated us to join with the Abolitionists United Against the Death Penalty in a protest that called attention to Lynn Abraham, District Attorney of Philadelphia. She has prosecuted for the death penalty more than any other DA in the United States. With over a hundred rallyers, and 17 arrested for "obstructing public access," it is doubtful that our message went unheard. At the very least, the police that bound us and carried us to their trucks and to jail were witnesses to our statement.

Niebuhr said, *"Man's passion for justice makes democracy possible. Man's capacity for injustice makes democracy necessary."*

Handcuffs are not comfy, jail was not fun, and the fines will be an unwelcome financial burden. But we'd do it again in an instant, and we plan to. This, my friends, is what democracy looks like.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family weekend
Haas
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campus safety
Who do these people think they are?
hey, that's my car!
me lawn! ye parked on me lawn!
grounds keeper
behind Academic Row
there's my cartoon for next week
the artist

Election has strong influence in classroom

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are not interested in politics.

Still others, who all insisted on remaining unnamed, said both candidates were "creeps" and it doesn't matter who is elected.

Sometimes, students at the College may have a somewhat lukewarm understanding of the issues, but at least they are at least more engaged than were those who attended in 1996.

"The overall attention to this election has been greater than in other years," said Gambino, who has taught here for ten years and has seen how students at the College react to six national elections and three presidential elections.

Dr. John Sullivan, Assistant Professor of Communication, said that in general, students are aware that there is a close presidential election, that the House and Senate may go either way and that this election is important for the future.

Beyond that, Sullivan said that students don't necessarily know what the issues are and that they have a superficial knowledge of the issues and the candidates.

"Students on this campus are not much different than the rest of America," Sullivan commented. He said most people reason according to party affiliation. If Democrats have traditionally been against the death penalty, Americans would reason that Vice President Al Gore would also hold this view.

"Sometimes they're right and sometimes they're wrong," said Sullivan. "That's where you need to look more in-depth at the issues."

[In truth, Gore favors the death penalty, but is more tempered in his support than is Gov. George W. Bush.]

Poorly informed electorate

Sullivan has found that students are for the most part unaware of what issues affect students the most. "I don't think they have a real sense of what those issues are," he said.

With the media invoking a full-court press of swing voters, it would be very difficult not to be affected in some way by that influence. But the real question, according to all professors interviewed, lies in finding the best information and looking at it critically.

"I think that if you're selective about what you watch on TV, then you get some good news," Gambino said. "I don't think students look at TV in a critical enough way to be able to gather information. We have a passive way of looking at TV."

For the most part, though, there seems to be some sort of middle ground. Many voters attach to one or two issues and learn a lot about the candidates' proposals on that issue.

"For the most aware students, I think they can articulate those positions," Gambino mused. "For a lot of other students, there might be one or two issues—or they vote for personality."

He said that the development of the Internet has provided an effective tool for information gathering, but that good information doesn't just show up on computer screens.

Sullivan has found that Americans who gather their information from television are far less informed than those who read newspapers.

"The bizarre thing is, [news programs] don't spend nearly as much time" as they should spend covering issues. "I would make the argument that there's not enough issue reporting in the media."

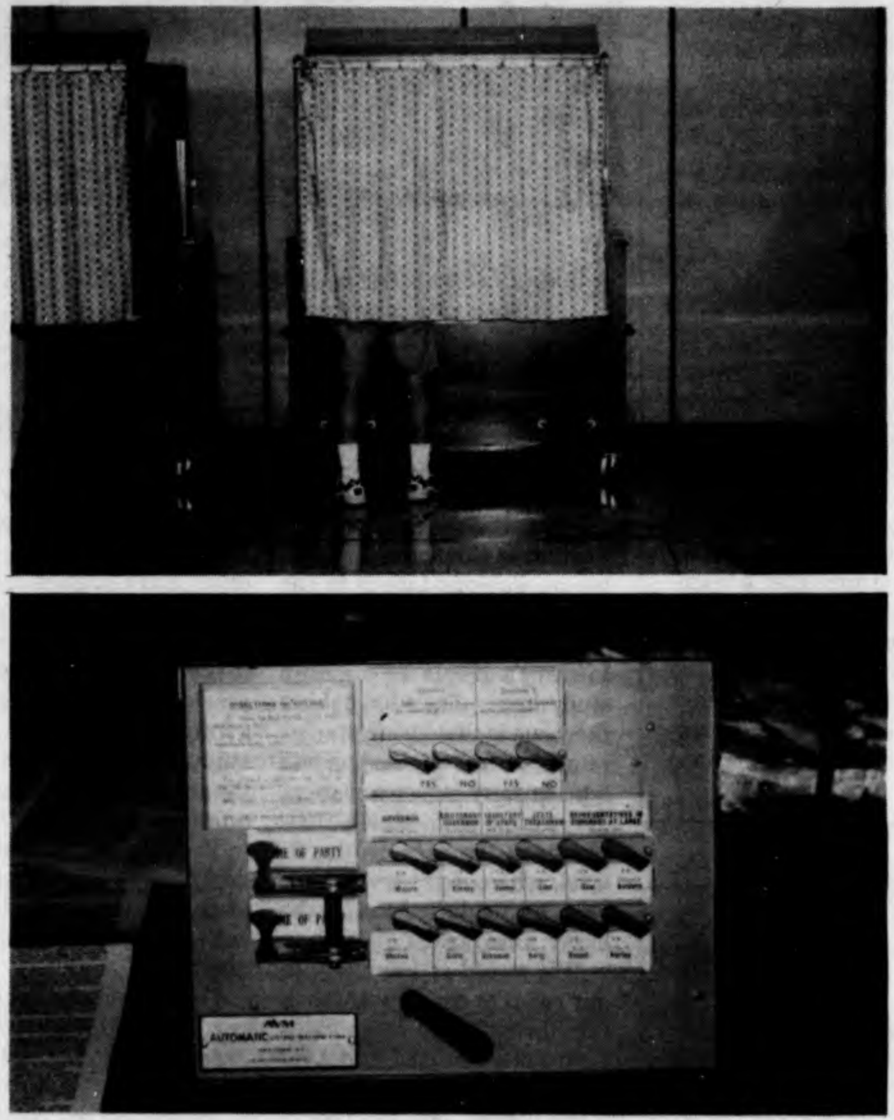
"Newspapers are reaching an audience that is predisposed to know the information," Sullivan said.

Jon Hanover, a junior who voted for Bush, said he is the first Republican in his family.

In making his decision, Hanover said that he got his information from the Bush web site, from magazines like Newsweek and from The New York Times after major events. He watched the debates and also watches C-Span.

Hanover was energized for this campaign by a visit to the Republican convention in Philadelphia this summer.

"Probably one of the reasons I gravitated to Republicanism was when I was 9 or 10, I met Richard Nixon," he said. "He came to one of my Little League games."



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At the polls Tuesday, top, a student votes; below, a sample ballot.

Beth Freeman, a senior who voted for Nader, said: "I found Nader over the summer while researching nonprofit organizations I want to work for after college."

The Nader factor

All this just leads one to ask how much difference this whole awareness campaign is making.

Both Sullivan and Gambino found that the voters who had not made up their minds early were probably influenced by the campaign season more than were voters who had decided early on a candidate.

At the start of the semester, 60 to 70 percent of Sullivan's class had arrived at a decision about whom to vote for. When Sullivan asked again last week, he said that every student had decided.

Sullivan believes that there was not a lot of movement in loyalty from one party to the next as the campaign wore on (and as Decision 2000, an awareness program sponsored by the departments of Political Science and Communication, evolved).

"On the campus as a whole, there's probably been less movement from Democrat to Republican and a little more awareness of Nader," he said, citing a "small but vocal" support for Nader.

"Nader also seems to have mobilized a small but very active contingent on campus," Gambino said.

Nader supporters have held a table at Seegers Union and have plastered their rooms and backpacks with Nader posters and pins in the final weeks of the campaign. Additionally, several students went to a Nader rally and decided not to vote with the party they had previously preferred.

Decision made long ago

And then there were those who have known all along.

"Some of them have made up their minds pretty early," Gambino said, admitting that he made up his mind early too. "And then there are others who are struggling. They tend to be the students who don't have a strong partisan affiliation."

He said many of the more active students come from families that have a partisan affiliation.

"Americans think that being partisan is a bad thing," Gambino said, adding that sometimes partisanship causes voters to be more "gung-ho" and knowledgeable about candidates. "Partisanship is a good way of leading people to be involved."

"When we're at the top of the world and our educational system is at the bottom of the civilized world, it's a hard thing to think about," Hanover, the Bush voter, said, adding that the voucher programs Bush has proposed would be better than "throwing more money" at public schools.

"[Nader] is the only candidate who shows the problems with globalization and concentrated power, which the other candidates either deny or embrace," Freeman said.

For the most part, independent voters are the ones who are not active, pay less attention, and are more or less "uninterested," Gambino said.

Sullivan put it a different way.

He said that students who have a strong party affiliation tend not to have the most data about the candidates. "Anything you see, hear or read will reinforce your decision," he said, of those voters who made their decision early. "You get to reinterpret what you see in the news."

But according to Sullivan, those who wait longer to decide tend to have more empirical and nonpartisan data about the candidates by virtue of having to choose between one candidate and another.

"The people who know the most are the ones who haven't made up their minds," Sullivan commented.

Some students are "excited about the closeness of the race," Gambino said. "They don't want to simply be spectators. They want to be part of the action."

"The whole way around, it's been so close that both sides are absolutely convinced they can win," Sullivan said. "There's a sense among students that their vote matters—and that doesn't happen very often."

OFF CAMPUS

Washington, D.C.—According to the U.S. Department of Education, 7,000 students applying for federal financial aid were denied this fall for drug convictions or offenses. The decision was based on a 1998 law that prohibits federal financial aid from going to applicants with alcohol or illicit drug convictions in the recent past. The law states that students with one conviction may be blocked for one year; those with two convictions may be blocked from aid for two years; and for three or more convictions, the block may be permanent.

University of Virginia—A University of Virginia student fell two stories from the windowsill of his second-floor dorm room and landed on a staircase, causing serious head injury. He remained in the hospital recently. University police said the student had consumed alcohol that afternoon. This is the second time this semester that a drunken University of Virginia student fell out of a dorm window and had to be hospitalized.

Northern Illinois University—Between 10 and 20 students were suspended Wednesday morning after a member of the Kappa Epsilon Gamma fraternity was found naked, bound to a tree and covered in human waste. The suspensions were given to students who were involved and wintessed the incident. The suspensions temporarily block those students from the Northern Illinois University campus. The chair of the NIU Judicial Committee said: "I hope they've learned something from this."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly cloudy
High 62 Low 38	High 56 Low 34	High 55 Low 34

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

A-level of the library is prone to loud groups.

Shh! Guidelines for library may limit group work space

BY MIKE MAZZARO
Weekly Staff Writer

Student Council's Committee on Campus Life is in the beginning stages of planning to designate one of the Trexler Library's levels as a group study level. The idea behind the issue is that group studies require more socialization and tend to carry on conversation, distracting individuals. This has been the case on the B-level, where noise levels have been particularly loud at the larger round tables.

"We would rather study in our room to concentrate than the library," said roommates Elizabeth DeLalio and Lisa Giammalvo. "There are too many distractions and people simply are not aware of the problems caused with their noise."

Thomas Gaughan, the library's director, said "the debate over creating an area for group study has been going on since before I got here." Both Gaughan and members of the Committee on Campus Life have yet to meet with one another, but Gaughan looks forward to such a meeting.

The preliminary plans would make the main level (reference area), or level A, the area where groups could come in and study. Levels B and C, down the stairs, would be designated quiet areas.

This way, individual students would have the B and C levels which are considered areas to benefit those who need quiet.

These plans are not definite because another proposal by the committee would set aside Level B for group study.

"I have moved my studying into Moyer Hall due to the noise," said Sophomore Melanie Chance. "The library is more a social scene than a place to study."

This process will continue the next few weeks, and students should expect more debate and proposals to arise.

"I enjoy bumping into friends at the library and talking with them, but this quiet rule should probably be enforced," said Senior Dan Barile.

Also coming out of the Student Council, is a preliminary investigation into creating a "bill of rights" with OIT.

This "bill" would be a list of things that students would expect from OIT and vice versa. Some of the proposals discussed would be that students would get answers within 24 hours of there phone calls to OIT. Another would include a description of problems involving computers in the dorms.

In return students would have to give OIT courtesy, respect, and some degree of understanding as they deal with the problems at hand.

Once again, this is only in its preliminary stages and nothing has been decided officially. Students can comment to Student Council members.

Bruce Gover Jr./Business Briefing

Business leaders pull for candidates

Many investors are currently very nervous about the technology sector and appear to be moving their money out of the Nasdaq and into the more reliable blue chip index. The Dow Jones Industrial Average jumped 159.26 points to 10977.21 on Monday while the Nasdaq suffered yet another down session losing 35.15 points to 3416.43. The Dow's close was its highest since mid-September. Many experts believe that the reason the Dow is doing so well is because investors have done very well with their Nasdaq investments that they are now simply taking their money and moving it to the more conservative Dow.

Networking equipment giant Cisco Systems continued its 10-year string of fantastic earnings reports after Monday's first quarter earnings reports were higher than analysts expected. The company reported a net income of $1.36 billion or 18 cents per share nearly 7 cents higher per share than a year ago. Cisco, who makes routers, switches and hubs that guide data traffic over the Internet, reported a revenue increase of 66% after it rose from $3.92 billion to $6.52 billion. The stock fell $1.62 to $55.12, their positive earnings report was after the markets had already closed.

Despite the Dow's recent luck the majority of Wall Street was focused on the presidential election. Although when this article was written the election had not taken place it appeared that most of Wall Street's players were pulling for George W. Bush to win last Tuesday not because they think he would be a better leader but instead because of his promise to cut taxes. Bush proposes to use the $2.17 trillion non-Social Security surplus to help implement a $1.3 trillion tax cut. Al Gore plans to spread out the $2.17 trillion surplus to Medicare and domestic programs while proposing only a $480 billion tax cut. Experts believe that Bush's tax cut will lead to better markets because the tax cut will free up a large amount of money for the public to spend.

The Automotive, Oil & Gas, Utilities, and pharmaceutical industries were all pulling for Bush to win, while unions, and the entertainment industries were pulling for Gore.

Safety is discussed at meeting with traffic expert

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tion is how can these potential accidents be avoided? The idea of speed traps was suggested but quickly rejected because it is illegal under Pennsylvania law for a local jurisdiction to have speed traps.

Speed traps are basically areas where law-enforcement carefully observe the speed of cars and waste no time in issuing tickets to speeders.

Using call boxes 'most important' thing to safety.

What Lupole however did strongly advocate was the continued use of push buttons by pedestrians.

Once pushed, a sign above Chew St. that turn yellow, allowing pedestrians to cross and drivers to slow up.

No matter how safe one feels walking around campus at night, there are still risks. Calling safety "the most important thing," Lupole (and Kholi) have proposed instillation of more campus "Blue Lights" and CCTV cameras.

Blue Lights, which are yellow emergency-only phone boxes with a blue light on the top have already been installed on many campus locations.

Kholi would like to see them installed near or around the tennis courts, in the area between Trumbower and Shankweiler as well as between Haas and Ettinger.

Kholi also believes it would be more beneficial to have CCTV cameras installed in Seegers Union and in all the parking lots.

Currently, the only locations that have CCTV cameras are in the computer labs of both Ettinger and Moyer.

Corrections

The photographer for the Midsummer Night's Dream picture last week was misidentified. It was Jed Baker, not Jeff Baird.

An "Off Campus" item Oct. 19 misstated Penn State's policy toward accepting credits from Israel. The policy does not state that violence in the Middle East has caused the University not to accept credit from some other Universities.

Theater, music and sport entertain families

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Kathryn, gift certificates for various restaurants in town and several paintings. The auction proved to be successful as the class of 2001 made $7,349, comparable to previous years.

Friday night brought a viewing of the movie "Dinosaur," a family basketball game and a showing of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in the Black Box Theater. "Little Shop of Horrors" was presented in the Baker Theater, and there was a Jewish Shabbat Service and Oneg at the Hillel house as well. Nate Pickowicz delighted his audience with his musical talents in the Red Door.

On Saturday, presentations given by the directors of the two theatrical performances and a discussion on study abroad. The Office of Career Development also gave a presentation on life after Muhlenberg to interested parents and students.

College President Arthur R. Taylor gave his annual "State of the College" Address at the Empie Theater.

In the field house, families were given the opportunity to have antique portraits taken. Staff and faculty mingled with families and students at the family weekend luncheon also held at the Field house.

Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch addressed the students and their families on the recent changes in the curriculum. Various professors and Deans were on hand to discuss such issues as Greek life, the portrayal of women in society, the environment, literature and mass media, among others.

The football game against Hartwick filled the bleachers, leaving many fans standing and cheering Muhlenberg's victory. "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Little Shop of Horrors" were performed again to packed audiences. Students and families were treated to a performance of Beatles music with "1964 - The Tribute."

The Field House rocked with excitement as parents and students alike joined in the music of the Beatles look-a-likes. Many of the songs had the audience on its feet, dancing and singing with the music.

According to Grace: "We've been trying to get the impersonators for four years. They're number one. We booked them a year ago. They were a big hit."

Following this musical performance, Carl Rosen presented a show of Elton John and Billy Joel music in the Empie Theater.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Danielle Lehman leads the Perkulators in their performance during the halftime show of the parents' weekend football game.

Sunday rounded out this year's family weekend with a first-year family brunch and a Dean's List Recognition Celebration, followed by an ecumenical worship service.

The College swelled with families and students as the weekend proceeded with many activities and events.

The area restaurants also felt the increase of people on the College's campus as such restaurants as the King George Inn were over booked and took more reservations than average. Carrabba's and Louie's were among the popular choices for dinner Friday and Saturday evening.

According to Senior Kelly Neilsen, "My mom visits every year, but this year was especially enjoyable. Getting a chance to play powder puff football during half time was such a great experience; my mom and friends loved it."

Freshman parent Karen Farris said, "Our overall impression of the weekend was that it was well-organized...it was obvious that the college wanted to make parents comfortable. We enjoyed meeting other parents and thought highly of the brunch on Sunday morning."

Campus Safety Notes from page 8

and sidewalk at east door of Prosser

Nov. 6 - Theft - The rest of the bathroom and elevator signs stolen.

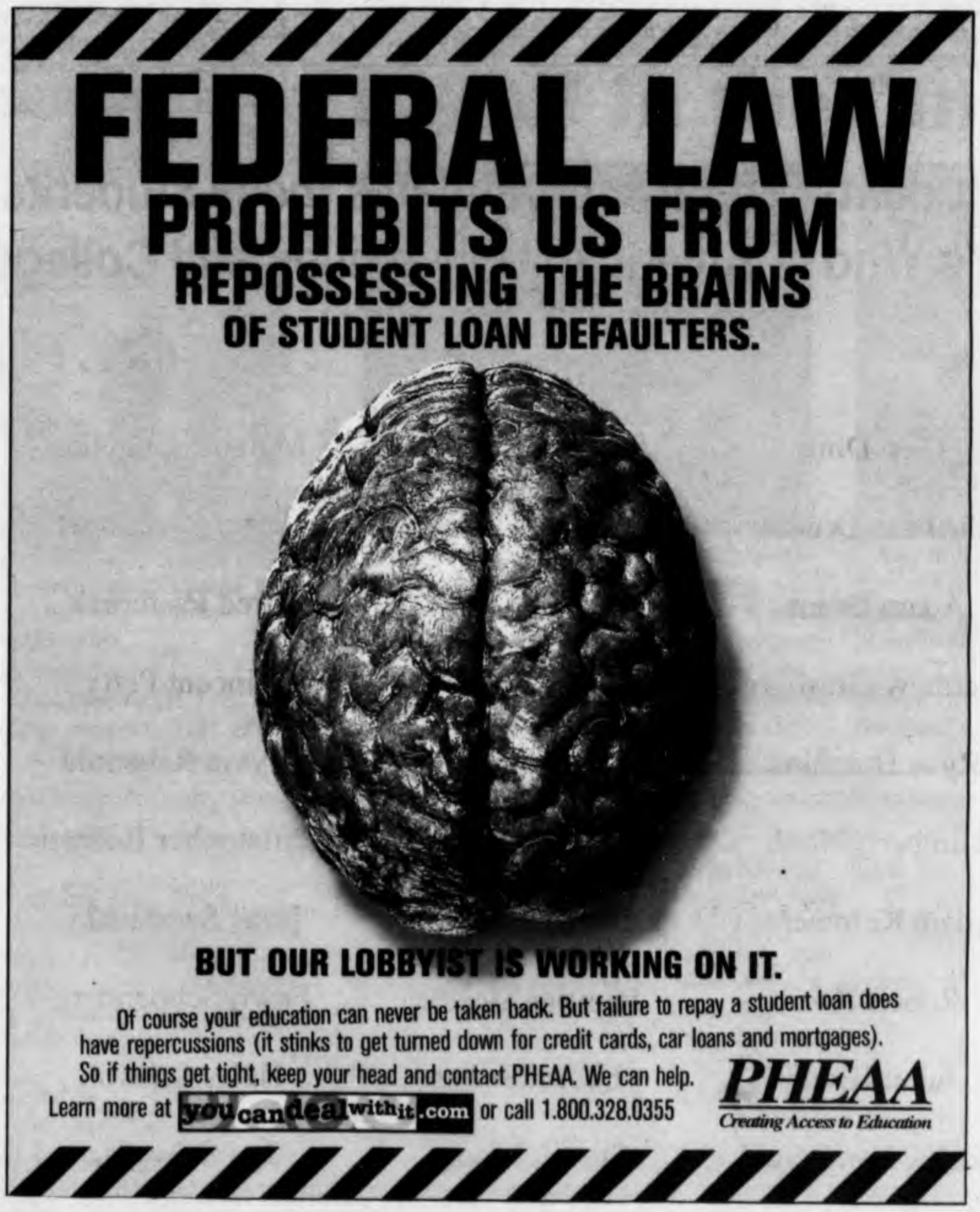
Nov. 6 - Parking Violation and Harrasment - took place in Seegers Lot- Student will be referred to Dean of Students

Nov. 6 - Possible Harrassment - A student on student situation.

Nov. 7 - Criminal Mischief - Five dead fish thrown on AEPi's porch

Nov. 7 - Fire Alarm - Steam from shower at AEPi

Nov. 7 - Harrassment - student on student harrassment at Benfer



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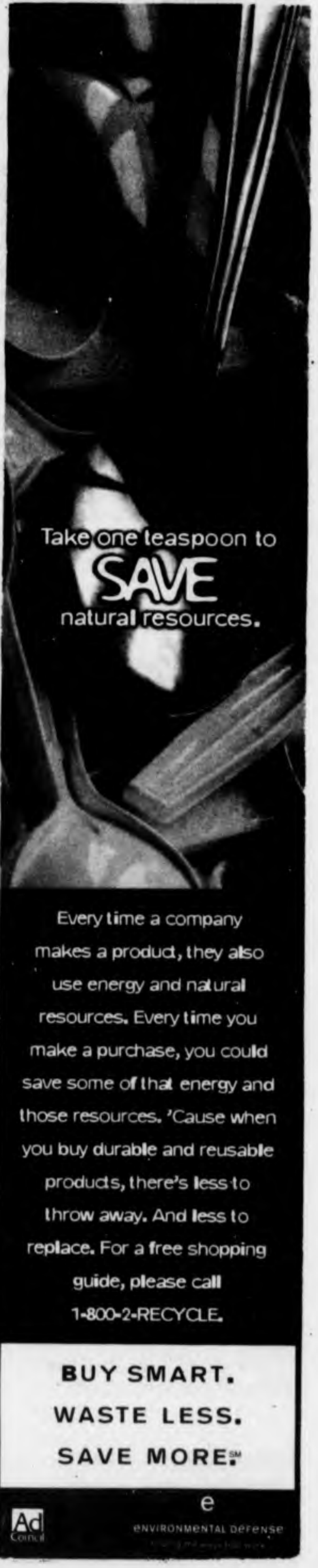

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ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE

Two tables damaged in small Chapel fire

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ther. The fire was due to unttended votive candles that ad been lit.

The chapel was closed for 24 ours after the fire.

Lupole explained, "Time was eeded for Plant Operations nd our housekeepers to clean he interior of the chapel. An utside company also came in o clear the smoke and odors."

The Roman Catholic Mass, cheduled to take place in the hapel on Saturday was held at he Empie Theatre instead. By unday, the Dean's List Cermony was able to go on in the hapel as planned.

Although candles are alowed in the Chapel, they are lways monitored.

When the candlelight serices takes place, a fire marshal even present. The votive andles that caused the chapel re should not have been left nattended.

PHOTO BY DAVE SOBOTKIN

The scene outside Egner Chapel Friday night.

Somebody must have forgotten to put out the candles, and then left the Chapel.

Lupole said, "A situation like this fire is the reason why we feel so strongly about not having candles in residence halls." He recognizes the necessity of candles in religious traditions, though.

For example, with Chanukah coming up, specific guidelines will be set through Hillel as to insure safety. Besides exceptions such as these, the policies about candles still remain the same.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, said that when Sutherland and Chaplain Peter Bredlau left after the ceremony, the candles were extinguished. When Campus Safety checked the building at 6:00, the candles were also extinguished.

But when Campus Safety patrolled the area at midnight, there were flames coming from the building.

Bruckner said that the College does not know if the fire was accidentally or intentionally set.

"If they did it intentionally, there's all stone in the corner. If they had one by the alter, it's all wood. We would have had some problems," he said.

The fire came after a celebration of the Day of the Dead, a recreation of Mexico's All Saints Day. The event was sponsored by Bredlau and Sutherland. It is a ritualistic blending of life and death.

Campus Safety Notes

Oct. 31 - Injured Student - A Student in Walz received a bite to the shoulder.

Oct. 31 - Disorderly Conduct - Eggs thrown at vehicles and people outside Prosser - Students were referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 1 - Criminal Mischief - Halloween decorations torn down in Prosser - Students will be referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 1 - Theft - Black disco ball stolen from Prosser.

Nov. 1 - Criminal Mischief - Michael Depiero and William Cummins, both of Prosser arrested for public drunkenness .

Nov. 1 - Lost Key - Trumbower.

Nov. 1 - Smoke/Fire - Smoke and fire outside Moyer due to burning mulch and moss.

Nov. 1 - Unsecure Areas - Doors left unlocked on 414, 428, 432, and 318 Albright St.

Nov. 1 - Harrassment - Student on student harrasment in Prosser - Students have been referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 2 - Disorderly Conduct - Misbehaved student in Prosser Hall - Student referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 2 - Possession of Stolen Property - "No Parking" sign found under student's bed in Prosser. Referred to Dean.

Nov. 2 - Unauthorized Person - Student removed from Prosser

Nov. 2 - Vandalism - A burning bush plant from Moyer was removed and damaged.

Nov. 2 - Theft - Some medicine stolen from ML.

Nov. 3 - Fire Alarm - A pulled fire alarm in Benfer.

Nov. 4 - Report of Smoke/Fire - Day of the Dead display accidentally caught fire in Chapel caused by burning candles.

Nov. 4 - Disorderly Conduct - Misbehaved students at Sig Ep - Students referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 4 - Alcohol Violation - One student in Walz - Student referred to Dean of Students.

Nov. 4 - Vandalism to Vehicle - damage to car in TKE parking lot.

Nov. 4 - Alcohol Violation - Drinking violation - Five students that cooperated with Campus Safety referred to Dean of Students - Five noncooperating non-studnts arrested - Richard J. Vandoorn, Brent Atwood, and Christopher Couchman, all of Binghamton, N.Y. and Sara Zevotek of New Paltz, N.Y. and Amy Slick of Cortland, N.Y.

Nov. 5 - Theft - "No Parking" sign stolen from Benfer fire lane.

Nov. 5 - Fire Alarm - Millerheim House - Steam from the shower.

Nov. 5 - Injured Person - Person fell on the stairs in Trexler Pavillion.

Nov. 5 - Criminal Mischief - Damage to rear rail of bike on a bike rack at Trexler.

Nov. 6 - Theft - Elevator sign stolen in Walz.

Nov. 6 - Theft - Third floor men's room sign stolen in Walz.

Nov. 6 - Vandalism - Someone sprayed sticky substance on hall

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The Dean of Students' office congratulates these students for making "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges"

Elyse Anderson
David Banach
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Elias Saratovsky
Fawn Schoenberg
Holly Schwab
Jon Schwartz

Jodi Siegel
Jennifer-Morgan Smith
Tilak Sundaresan
Christopher Titze
Aliza Vitberg
Kelly Woodcock

Weekly life

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- Pizza places reviewed
- Limp Bizkit review
- Movie listings

Worship service held for All Saint's Day

By Christine Moyer
Weekly Staff Writer

Brightly painted skulls, an altar, and delicate flowers decorated the chapel last Sunday. This foreign mixture of life and death was created to duplicate the Mexican celebration of All Saint's Day.

Last Sunday at 1:00, there was a mixed Christian and cultural worship service to commemorate this Mexican holiday. Along with Reverend Bredlau and Professor Erica Sutherland, who were in charge of organizing this celebration with the help of many dedicated students, Dr. Nelso Rivera also attended the service. Dr. Rivera, a professor at the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia, preached in both English and Spanish.

Sutherland described Sunday's service as "a combination of Christian imagery mixed with some pre-Christian attitudes towards death and life." An important aspect of All Saint's Day is that it is unique to Mexico. Sutherland further explained its significance. She commented, "You can find mestizo religion anywhere in the Hispanic world. In Mexico specifically there are feelings that we shouldn't fear death - the person lives on."

Sutherland and others have portrayed the Mexican celebration of All Saint's Day for the past four years. However, this is only the second time that it has been located in the chapel. It is also the first time that it has been connected to a worship service.

Despite the fact that the portrayal of this Mexican celebration has been occurring for the past four years, there is always a great deal of work involved in its planning. On the first and second of November, many students who are Hispanic or take Spanish class worked on constructing and decorating the altar. The significance of the hard work that goes into portraying the celebration of All Saint's Day, is that the altar doesn't last from year to year. "The altar symbolizes how fragile life is, and that's also why the flowers it's decorated with are made of tissue," explained Sutherland. There are two main types of flowers on the altar. The baby's breath represents the heavenly nature of the spirits. The purpose of the strongly scented marigolds is to tell the dead that they can come back to this world.

The celebration of All Saint's Day may seem foreign, but being aware of the concept behind it is important. When explaining the significance of understanding the ideas of this Mexican celebra-

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Photo by Scott Swartz

Egner chapel was adorned with colorful decorations for All Saint's Day.

Gettin' Barenaked

A night at the Spectrum

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

Maybe it was the amazing set (a giant face with a mouth for a door and eyes for windows) that made the night great. Or maybe the night was great because of the hilarious antics the Barenaked Ladies performed as they mocked current hits from "Who Let the Dogs Out" to "My Heart Will Go On." Or maybe it was neither of those, but the fact that I was singing my favorite songs along with 16,000 other people that made me smile for hours after the concert ended.

The Barenaked Ladies performed in Philly two weeks ago.

Yeah, that was it.

The concert, held at the

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It's all in the family...

With the many parents visiting this weekend, the campus was busy with events. MAC sponsored "1964: The Tribute," which was well-attended by both parents and students. The act, which impersonated the Beatles, performed for over 90 minutes and inspired many to get out of their seats and join the crowd in dancing.

Also this weekend was the Dean's List Recognition Celebration. Families and students spilled out of Egner chapel to listen to Dean Curtis Dresch, President Arthur Taylor, and Dean Carol Shiner-Wilson gave words of encouragement to the Dean's list recipients.

-compiled by Jen Epting

Been there, done that...

November 3-5, 2000

Parent's weekend was held on campus. Basketball games, various concerts and other activities were held to entertain families and friends.

Coming up...

November 7-21, 2000

Registration for the spring semester will be taking place. See your advisor for course registration materials and other information.

November 13, 2000

The band, Less than Jake, will be playing at Crocodile Rock at 7:00 p.m. The band is taking a break from touring with Bon Jovi.

November 14, 2000

A "Night of Cultural Diversity" will be held in the Center of the Arts at 7 p.m. Students will be singing, dancing, sharing poetry and playing music.

MTA Productions:
"Only Kidding" -Black Box
Thursday- 8pm
Friday-9pm
Saturday- 3pm
"The Actor's Nightmare"- Black Box
Thursday- 9pm
Friday- 9pm
Saturday- 4pm

"Late Night Cabaret"- Red Door
Thursday- 10pm
Friday- 11pm

A Break in the Bubble...

Hillary Rodham Clinton was elected Senator of New York on Tuesday, defeating Representative Rick Lazio. Clinton will remain in Washington D.C. when her husband's presidential term finishes.

Fat Tony's Pizza Review

The Independents

DEAL
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PIZZA CHEF
GOURMET PIZZA

Name: Pizza Chef
Location: Tilghman Street next to Sunoco
Hours: M 11-8, Tu-Th 11-9, F-Sa 11-10, Su 12-9
Price 1 slice, 1 topping: $1.85
Seating (Y/N): None
Delivery: No

Selection: Chef has a limited but tasty selection of "gourmet" pizzas available for take-out or delivery. Their vegetable and all-white pies are quite good.

How is it: This is one of the better pizzas in the area. With fresh and plentiful toppings (the mushrooms I had were not from a can), nice firm thin crust. There is also an excellent ratio of cheese to sauce. Chef does not have the room to display their pies, so you may have to wait for them to make one, but it's worth it.

PARMA PIZZA

Name: Parma Pizza
Location: Village West Shopping Center
Hours: Su-Th 11-9, F-Sa 11-10
Price, 1 slice, 1 topping: $1.85
Seating (Y/N): Limited
Delivery: No

Selection: Parma offers a display case full of specialty pizzas, especially during the lunchtime hours. Some of my favorites are the spinach stuffed and "Italia" pizza. The pan style crust is excellent.

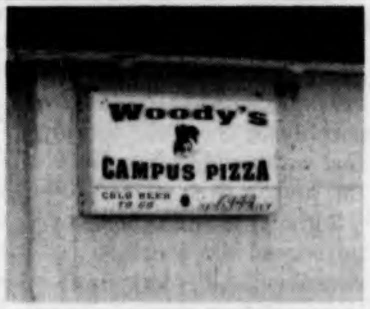
How is it: Parma serves up both Neapolitan (thin crust) and Sicilian (thick crust) pies, as well as excellent chicken parm subs. You get to select your pie from the window, so you know what you're getting before it's on your plate. The sauce is perfect for pizza, and the real Italian cheeses stay stringy right until the last bite.

SALVATORE'S
Brick Oven Pizza
ITALIAN GRILL

Name: Salvatore Ruffino's
Location: 19th and Allen Streets
Hours: Su-Th 11-10, F-Sa 11-11
Price, 1 slice, 1 topping: $2.30
Seating (Y/N): Limited for quick bites, but much more in restaurant area
Delivery: Yes

Selection: Sal's displays his pizzas like Parma, with quite a few specialty pies to choose from. The vegetable stuffed slice I had was amazing. Pies are also made fresh throughout the day.

How is it: The best pizza in Allentown, hands down. If you are looking for real New York/New Jersey style pizza made by real Italians, Sal's is the place for you. Although a little more expensive than the others, once you have a taste you'll forget the extra 50 cents. Don't just go to Sal's for the pizza – their pizza pockets and calzones will make you swear off GQ forever.



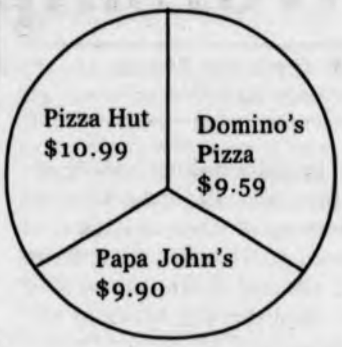
Name: Big Woody's
Location: 23rd and Liberty Streets
Hours: Su-Th 11-12, F-Sa 11-2 a.m.
Price, 1 slice, 1 topping: $1.70 (Weekends 2 plain for $2 deal!)
Seating (Y/N): Booths and tables, also at the bar
Delivery: Yes

Selection: Woody's doesn't really cater to the "gourmet" crowd. Choices are limited to the usual pizza toppings and thin crust only.

How is it: Woody's is a great "campus" pizza joint, meaning that it caters well to the on-the-go student with low funds. The best things about Woody's: cheap (pies are $7) and close (you can walk from anywhere on campus and you pizza will still be hot when you get back to your room.) The worst thing: Inconsistency. Depending on who's making the pies, they can come out burnt to a crisp or have the consistency of Play-doh.

A quick look at the numbers

By the pie:



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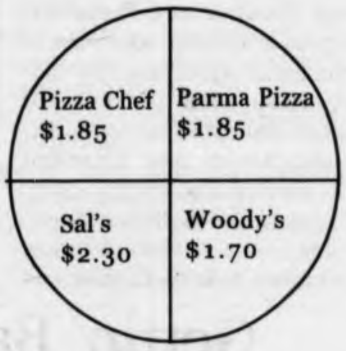

The Big Three: Chain Pizza Shops

Name: Pizza Hut
Location: 4536 Hamilton Blvd.
Hours: Su-Thu 11-10, F-Sa 11-11
Price (regular Lg pie): $10.99
Seating (Y/N): Yes
Delivery: Yes

Selection: Pizza Hut now has three different crust styles to choose from: Pan, their perennial favorite; Thin 'n Crispy, their take on a real NY pizza crust; and Stuffed Crust, with cheese baked into the edge. They still have a variety of specialty pizzas with set toppings, like Meat Lover's and Veggie Lover's.

How is it: Pizza-Hut, while I would not classify as pizza in the purest sense of the word- is nonetheless good in limited quantities (i.e., once in a while). For most of those people I know, to try to eat it too often is asking for brief intestinal problems. Still, the stuffed crust remains one of their most inventive and tasty options, and you can always count on a Pizza Hut pie to be loaded over with plenty of toppings. Number one of the big three.

Name: Domino's Pizza
Location: 4229 Tilghman Street
Hours: Su-Th 11-10, F-Sa 11-11
Price (regular Lg pie): $9.59
Seating (Y/N): None
Delivery: Yes

Selection: Much like Pizza Hut, Domino's offers Original, Deep Dish, and Thin Crust style pizzas and a variety of set-topping pies delivered hot to your door.

How is it: Although Domino's has conquered the cold pizza jinx with its new "HeatWave" bag, its consistency still fluctuates at times. Often a bite will cause the slice to break as if perforated, something supposedly stringy cheese should never do. They do cover the pies well with toppings and frequently have two-pie deals for a fixed or lower price. Slices are small, and Domino's plays the same internal games as Pizza Hut if eaten too often. A close second.

PIZZA
PAPA JOHNS

Name: Papa John's
Location: 13th and Tilghman Streets
Hours: Su-Th 11-10, F-Sa 11-10
Price (regular Lg pie): $9.90
Seating (Y/N): None
Delivery: Yes

Selection: At Papa John's, you are limited to three sizes with a small selection of toppings. They also have garlic breadsticks which aren't half bad.

How is it: To call this abomination pizza is to offend even the worst pizza maker in New York. The sauce tastes like sugar, the crust is mushy and undercooked, and the cheese is virtually non-existent. The reason I never heard of them before I came to school here is because they wouldn't last five minutes in my hometown. The one saving grace is their breadsticks, which if you're in the mood to actually order, you might as well go to Pizza Hut where you can eat the pizza. Truly unfortunate.

A look at... Limp Bizkit's *Chocolate Starfish*

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Staff Writer

Writing a review for a Limp Bizkit record is as pointless as discussing the artistic integrity of a Britney Spears video. The fact remains that Limp's just released *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water* sold more copies in its first week of release than any other album in history (idiotic title and all). Is this a reflection of the mediocre masses of pop culture? Does anyone see that Fred Durst takes the worst elements of hip-hop culture, adds elementary guitar riffs, and a whiny vocal delivery? Apparently Limp Bizkit's freak show guitarist, Wes Borland does. He has been quoted as saying, "Limp Bizkit is definitely a dumb rock band," and if there is one thing Limp Bizkit is good at it is being a "dumb rock band." Luckily for them, nowhere have they been dumber than on their third record, *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water*.

For starters Limp Bizkit doesn't only put their name on the cover of the album, but they also have to add "Limp Bizkit presents." All of a sudden Limp Bizkit has become a progressive rock band making concept albums. Leave it to Limp Bizkit to make a concept album that doesn't even have any concept. I could complain about this fact, but in all honesty I think it's totally funny and indicative of how seriously I should listen to Limp's music. So, now from the get go, before I have even taken the CD out of the case, I know that I am not going to be able to write a serious critical analysis of the record, and Limp Bizkit never intended for it to be heard as that. If the masses of youth want their music to be unchallenging and mind-numbingly stupid, then it is no wonder why Limp Bizkit is doing so well in sales.

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After listening to *Chocolate Starfish* a few times, the only places where the album missteps is where the band tries taking itself seriously; thankfully, most of the time they don't. The first single, "Rolling," is almost as brain dead as last year's classic, "Nookie," and "Hot Dog" has the incredibly deep chorus lyrics, "Everybody knows this song!"

An element that actually makes *Chocolate Starfish* a pretty tight record is its guests. Fred Durst realizes that he is not a tight emcee, so he hands the mic over to hip-hop heavyweights like the soon to be famous Xzibit and the already established (big dog himself), DMX. The production of the album is also tight with Swizz Beats, and hip-hop legend Dj Premier behind the boards. Premier also produced last year's hit single "n 2 gether now," which owed credit to Premier and Method Man.

To Limp's credit, *Chocolate Starfish* is not totally awful. The band worked with talented producers and emcees. They have made a record that will guarantee success on the pop charts and make them a bundle of money.

Since it seems that this was Limp Bizkit's intent I have to commend them. They have made a mediocre record musically, but then again, who cares about music anyway?

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Limp Bizkit's new album, *Chocolate Starfish and the Hot Dog Flavored Water*, features solid guests, but has "never been dumber."

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Committee heads announced
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Pay it Forward
Fri.— 4:00; Sat.— 4:00; Sun.— 4:00

Bedazzled
Fri.—8:00; Sat.— 1:20, 8:00; Sun.— 1:20

Meet the Parents
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 8:10

Blair Witch 2: Book of Shadow
Fri.—10:30; Sat.— 10:30; Sun.— 7:50

Charlie's Angels
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sun - 1:50, 4:50, 8:15

Remember the Titans
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.—1:00, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.—1:00, 4:20, 8:10

Little Nicky
Fri—4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sat.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:50; Sun.— 1:30, 4:30, 8:20

Legend of Bagger Vance
Fri.—4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.— 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.— 1:00, 4:00, 8:00

Men of Honor
Fri.- 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.- 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.- 1:10, 4:10, 8:10

Red Planet
Fri.- 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sat.- 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40; Sun. 1:40, 4:40, 7:50

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Hello city: BNL comes to Philly

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First Union Spectrum, was a culmination of humor, talent, and all-around a good time. Not knowing who was opening for BNL until they took the stage, Wheatus surprised me by being pretty decent. Their stage presence resembled something BNL would have done in their early years, jumping and joking around on stage. They played for about 30 minutes, including the infamous "Teenage Dirtbag Baby," from this summer's *Loser*.

When they left the stage, crew members began work setting up for BNL. A few minutes later, the band entered the stage through the mouth of the huge purple face which was the set. Starting out with "Too Little Too Late," they combined old favorites with new tracks from *Maroon*.

At one point, BNL responded to the requests of favorites from earlier albums, by playing small bits of "every song we've ever written." This elicited a loud response from the crowd, happy to know that the one song they came to hear would be played.

As I looked around the Spectrum, it seemed as though we were in a chorus together, singing backup for BNL in a way. As the members of our beloved band bounced around the stage singing about millions of dollars, "chinese chickens," and Brian Wilson, we were connected through the knowledge of the songs that play over and over again on our stereos at home.

I think I realized what I really love about BNL that night at the Spectrum. I truly admire the fact that these are five guys who really show a love for their work, for being goofy and making people laugh. I just hope that whatever major I end up with, I can find a way to say the same about myself one day.

Mexican celebration held in Egner

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tion, Reverend Bredlau stated, "This is one way in which people express their faith and understanding of death and dying. This is important because it's easy to make assumptions that everyone is religious in the same way."

Embracing different cultures and different religions is a challenge, but doing so is necessary. It is often difficult to view the traditions and practices of foreign peoples without being biased, as a result of our ethnocentrism. However, seeing the truths of all societies, including our own, will make us more well-rounded and open-minded people. As Sutherland commented on a reality of our society, she stated, "Our culture can't separate life and death. We are in denial with death, but other cultures embrace it."

Poetry Corner

A Light on the Water of the Midnight Ocean

You're like a light on the water
Pervading to the bottom
Of that cold,
Gelatinous mass.
It's always changing,
Wave eating wave,
And verdurous seaweed
Colluding with jellyfish.
But like their grasp
And sting, you can't
Be touched, and unlike
Them pristine.
It's a damn shame
That we're out here,
Isn't it? You,
A light on the water,
And me, washed
Ashore for the
Millionth time.

Contributed by Michael Lerman

Thursday Night is Cabaret night with
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Friday Night... Musical group Buddha
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Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

♈ **Aries 3/21 - 4/19**
It's time to focus your energy through cooperative partnerships. You can accomplish much by working along with a partner or mate. It's time to learn to compromise and cooperate with others.

♉ **Taurus 4/20 - 5/20**
You are attracted to an intense yet secretive person. A romance begun now is unusually intense or has a powerful effect. Power struggles and confrontations may occur in your relationships.

♊ **Gemini 5/21 - 6/21**
An anger anchored in your memory is triggered once your chain is yanked. This may cause you to act inappropriately due to past habits that have suddenly resurfaced. Don't overreact or fight over things you don't have control over.

♋ **Cancer 6/22 - 7/22**
In your everyday life the pace picks up and things are energized. You get passionate in expounding and defending your beliefs and ideas. You feel a need to be right, but be careful of getting into unnecessary arguments.

♌ **Leo 7/23 - 8/22**
It's time to focus inward into your deepest personal priorities. It's time to reflect on the past and how it affects your present. Let go of behavior patterns that still control you.

♍ **Virgo 8/23 - 9/22**
Your mind is quicker and sharper; you speak and write more clearly. It's a good time for mental work requiring logic or concentration. It's good to gather information now, but not to make decisions yet.

♎ **Libra 9/23 - 10/22**
Repressed desires or resentments create frustration or irritation. You should change your ways by softening your approach on those who are near and dear. They will appreciate your efforts.

♏ **Scorpio 10/23 - 11/21**
Your mind is quick and clear now but may be restless or scattered. Remember that you are more interested in peace than in conflict or competition. It's a good time for you to negotiate anything.

♐ **Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**
You appear more desirable and can attract new friends or a lover. You wish to avoid controversy so you are more willing to compromise. Try to make peace where once there was conflict.

♑ **Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19**
It's time to learn about selfless love, not selfish love. Opportunities come to show compassion or to receive devoted care. You're attracted to someone who needs help, or you attract help, but be cautious of allowing anyone to walk all over you.

♒ **Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18**
You're driven to delve into discovering some sense of meaning. While focusing on your concerns, be sure to listen to others. Don't get so caught up in what you believe that you don't see the flip side of the coin.

♓ **Pisces 2/19 3/20**
You focus on expanding your experience and your education. Studying unfamiliar fields or philosophies will help you broaden your horizons. Keep this in mind when choosing classes for next semester. Don't be afraid to try new things.

No Holz Barred: The sport election

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have a problem pronouncing their names. Hakeem Olajuwon of the Rockets is sure to be mispronounced by the Texas Governor. Head coach Rudy Tomjanovich is a train wreck waiting to happen. Half of the Rangers are from the Latin America and the Russian backgrounds of many Stars' skaters would make a mockery of Bush. In terms of class rank, a fair of Texas professionals clobbered Bush and Eric Metcalf was not given a meal ticket to the NFL from the University of Texas because his father was a star with the Cardinals, it was because he was the best special teams player in college. Bush traded Sammy Sosa and fired Bobby Valentine when he owned the Rangers. Gore's claim to fame can be based on the recent success of the Titans and the wonder of Tennessee's Peyton Manning.

A problem that arises is the undecided athletes who play for one state, but have homage to another. Take Houston Rocket forward Carlos Rogers, who attended Tennessee State, and rookie forward Dan Langhi from Vanderbilt. Gore's men include George McCullough, a Cornerback for the Titans who played his college ball in Bush's home state for Baylor. Rodney Thomas, running back, and Dwayne Goodrich, a rookie defensive back, both were Aggies at Texas A&M.

Both candidates also have their sure bets. Cowboy Wide Receiver Wane McGarity and Jason Tucker claim University of Texas and TCU, respectively. Olajuwon also played his college hoops for the University of Houston. Gore's right-hand man should have been Carl Pickens of the Titans, who was a Volunteer at Tennessee.

Texas is undoubtedly a sports powerhouse. And while Tennessee has its share of athletic success, it is no match for the Longhorn State. One may argue that if George W. Bush could not turn the Rangers into a baseball dynasty, how will he manage the nation? Good question. Al Gore's Tennessee is just making its impression felt in the world of sports, we'll have to see where these men stand four years down the road.

Women's soccer completes record-setting season

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to-back ECAC Championship titles in 1998 and 1999, Benintend guided the girls to their first ever Centennial Conference Championship, followed by a first round victory in the NCAA playoffs. "We had a solid season," remarked Benintend. "We beat some tough opponents this year. Winning that first playoff game is really a step in the right direction." Over the past three seasons, she has posted an impressive 44-15-3 overall record. In addition, Benintend has coached the Lady Mules to their first national ranking while becoming the winningest coach in women's soccer history at Muhlenberg.

On the field, the team's success was highlighted by the mixture of upperclassman experience with the abilities of younger team members. Senior Captains Jen Sands and Alissa Desiderio demonstrated the leadership needed during the championship run. Desiderio scored nine goals and added four assists; Sands, a 1999 All Centennial Conference first team selection, added four goals and six assists. In addition to Sands and Desiderio, the Lady Mules will also lose the play of fellow seniors Pamela Campbell and Melissa Terroni.

"The loss of the seniors will definitely hurt us in some fashion," Benintend stated. "But you have to take it year by year and hope to get quality new recruits. But the seniors will be missed, and we will have some spots to fill."

While the Mules will lose the leadership and guidance of the four seniors, Captain Nancy Grove, only a junior, will return next season. As a forward, she registered six goals during the year. Defensively, the Mules return both sophomore goalies Kim Laurino and Denae Bordeaux. Combined, they tied the school record of ten shutouts during the year, seven of which came against Centennial Conference opponents.

While the upper classmen often played key roles in the teams success, the play of several freshmen had a significant impact on the championship season. Freshmen Dawn Iberer exploded early in the season and continued throughout the year, establishing herself as one of the league's premier offensive threats. In her debut season, Iberer led the team in goals with fourteen, while also adding five assists. Her scoring accounted for one-third of the team's entire scoring production.

"I knew Dawn would be an immediate impact player," commented Benintend. "She played well throughout the year."

Next year, several of this year's freshmen will be expected to step up and see a lot of playing time, along with several new recruits coming in. "We should see three or four new key players next year who should help provide us with more depth," Benintend said.

Overall, the Lady Mules have now established themselves as a top team in the conference each year. As coach Benintend emphasized, "This was not a fluke year. We are now at a point where we are able to challenge the top teams each year." If the Lady Mules can carry over the success of this championship season, the Mules will continue to enjoy much success long into the future.

Intramural Standings

(as of October 27)

Men

OME (22 points)
football
cross country
2-on-2 basketball

Prosser (21)
TKE (19)
JUS (18)
Annex (11)
WAT (10)
Walz (7)
POT & AEPi (5)
ML & MacGregor (4)
TTC & SPE (3)
DAN (1)

Women

Lunardi (11 points)
soccer
cross country

Rugby (11)
Walz (9)
AXO (7)
Brown Apts. (7)
DZ (5)

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Men's soccer finishes the season with victory over Ursinus

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The Men's Soccer team's 3-2 win against Ursinus on Saturday ended their regular season with double digits in victories for the fourteenth time in fifteen years, making their overall record 10-7, and 6-3 in the Centennial Conference.

They received a bid to the ECAC South Tournament, and will play against Western Maryland on Saturday.

After their loss to Moravian on October 30, (0-1), the Mules were able to finish their season with a close win against Ursinus. Sophomore Ben Long scored the first goal of the game; it was his team-leading seventh goal of the season.

He leads the team in scoring with 7-2-16; all seven of his goals came against Centennial Conference competition.

The Mules then took a 2-1 lead with 13:10 remaining when junior Jon Herman headed in a corner kick for his first career goal, but Ursinus quickly tied the score two minutes later.

Senior Dave Paxson's goal off a feed from junior Chris Rowley with 8:28 to play was the difference in Muhlenberg's final regular-season game.

Junior Rob Pomento had four saves for this close final regular season game, he has a 76.3 save percentage and a 1.25 goals against slate.

The team's ECAC South Tournament game on Saturday will be held at Gettysburg against Western Maryland, who are 5-3-1 in the Centennial Conference and 10-6-2 overall. In their last game this season against the Green Terror, the Mules lost in second overtime.

"The Western Maryland game [this Saturday] might be a tough game," a freshman player explained, "We want revenge. Our team is looking for revenge after the last double overtime loss to Western Maryland."

Many of the Men's Soccer team players were excited to hear about making it into the tournament.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Ben Long scored his seventh goal of the season against Ursinus.

"We're hoping to take the energy from the dramatic win of Ursinus and channel it to the upcoming tournament," said one enthusiastic player.

If the team wins against the Terror, they will play the winner of the Washington-Wilkes game in the semifinals.

Both of these teams stand at the 10-7 mark, and will be tough for the Mules to face if they should get past the Green Terror.

Mules looking at best record in years

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strong on the next play when the extra point attempt was blocked.

During the ensuing kickoff return, kick returner Kamali Roberts fumbled the ball, but the Mules were able to recover the ball and started on their 22 yard line. After a few passes and two Bernardo runs, the Mules were staring at third and nine on Hartwick's 16 yard line.

The next play was the most important of the game as Carter ran under the Hawks' corners to be left wide open in the middle of the field. McCabe saw Carter and tossed him the ball. Carter went into the end zone untouched by the Hawks, giving the lead back to the Mules, 30-26.

Carter finished the day with 310 all-purpose yards including 11 receptions for 198 yards and two touchdowns. Carter's two touchdown passes gave him 13 for the year, breaking the record of 11 set by Kenyamo McFarlane last year.

Carter also tied the Centennial Conference record set for career touchdown catches set by John Sartori with 25. Dickinson made the crucial extra point attempt making the score 30-26. If he missed the extra point, then Hartwick could of have tied the game with a field goal.

With 1:22 left in the game, Hartwick tried to move down the field, but the defense came up strong. Burke intercepted Pincelli once again. The Mules received the ball back with 45 seconds left in the game. The Mules chose not to play the clock conservatively and instead chose to throw the ball. This decision proved to be costly because with 25 seconds left on the clock, McCabe was intercepted. The last play decided the game when Pincelli was intercepted by Getz.

The Mules' secondary had seven interceptions in the game, tying a 19-year old school record. This was impressive because Pincelli had only been intercepted five times this season. Due to their outstanding play, the Centennial Conference named the entire Mules secondary (Getz, Hammer, Wright and Burke) as defensive player of the week.

Burke said, "Overall, the entire team came together today. The offense, defense and special teams played pretty well together. This win was a team effort."

The win against Hartwick gave the Mules 400 career victories. In addition, the game marked the first undefeated season at home (5-0) since 1980 and their first 5-0 home mark since 1947.

The Mules also got their seventh win of the season, the first time this has happened since 1988. The Mules(7-2 overall, 5-2 conference) are ranked second in the Centennial Conference and are looking forward to closing out their regular season at local rival Moravian this Saturday at 1:00. If the Mules win this game, they will finish with an 8-2 record and a possibility at an ECAC playoff berth.

No Holz Barred

Presidential home field advantage

By Jared Holz
Business Manager

We have a new President. The people have chosen their man, or lack thereof. Stance on issues, personality, track record and intangibles played an important role in choosing the man who will take the oath of office come January.

Did we forget about sports during all this commotion, campaigning and camaraderie? What if the election were decided strictly in terms of sports, mainly the success of teams and players from George W. Bush's homeland of Texas, and Al Gore's native land of Tennessee? Would the outcome be the same? And the margin as close as it was back on the unforgettable evening of November 7?

If the election were solely centered on which candidate had the most teams, clearly George W. would be the victor. Professionally speaking, the Rockets, Spurs, Cowboys, Mavericks, Astros, Rangers and Stars far outdo Gore's petty Titans and Predators. Three years ago, the lead would have been more lopsided as the recently acquired Titans were formerly the Oilers of Bush's Houston, and the Predators came into being three years ago and have been atrocious since their inception. Clearly, the size of Texas alone is a good reason for their surplus of professional teams, and Tennessee would rather keep its association with Elvis than with some expansion team. If each team were responsible for an electoral vote, George W. would have reason to be excited.

On the college level, Gore has plenty to be happy about with his alma mater, the Vanderbilt Commodores and the checkered endzone of the Tennessee Volunteers. Bush, on the other hand, can claim The University of Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Texas Christian, Baylor, and Rice among others. Obviously the area of The Alamo State puts Tennessee to shame, but Gore cannot be held responsible for unfavorable boundary lines. Tennessee's parallelogram shape makes it one of a kind, but I doubt Bush knows enough about geography to understand that concept. Vanderbilt is not exactly a football powerhouse. Being a member of the SEC is one of the hardest tasks in all of college football, but their defense has been among the nation's best in this decade. The fact that their fans wear ties and jackets to the game make the Commodores a fun team to watch, despite their losing efforts time and time again. Bush's lineup of major universities is impressive as well, but the bonfire incident of 1999 at Texas A&M puts a damper on Bush's academic list. Tennessee's own University is nicknamed the Volunteers. That is what campaigning is all about. The Horned Frogs of Texas Christian cannot exactly compete in that category. And the Longhorns of the University of Texas? Is Bush implying something that is better left unsaid? I thought he wanted to bring morality back to the oval office. And the communist references made by the Texas Tech Red Raiders are probably not too embraced by Washington faithful.

The problem with the athletes of Texas is that Bush may

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Congratulations

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Jen Sands '01
Nancy Grove '02
Kim Laurino '03

HONORABLE MENTION

Jennie Vroman '02
Katy Hawkins '03

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Profile of a Mule

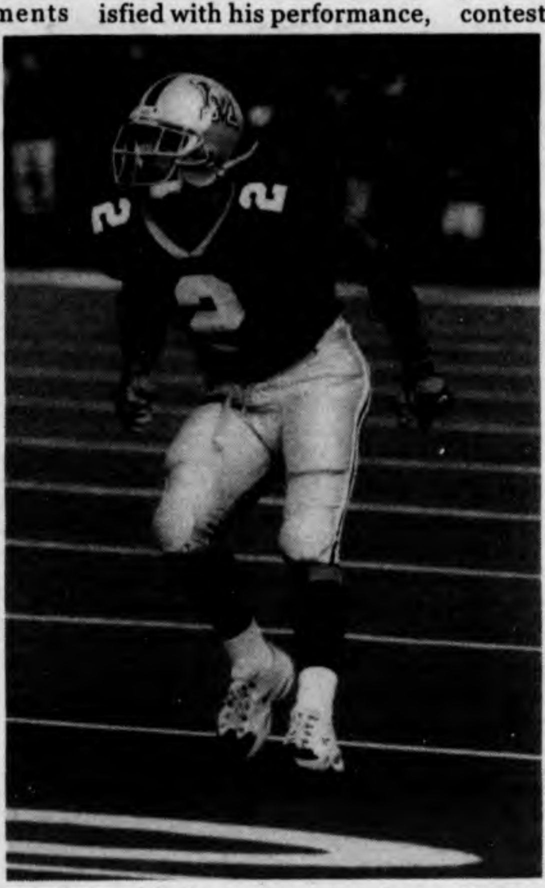
Burke looks to continue passion and performance after college

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor

In 1999, Mules football went 6-4, rewarded with their first winning season in the past 10 years—a difference from their record of 1-9 in 1997. This season, the team stands at 7-2 overall and 5-2 in the Centennial Conference.

The team has gone through a period of severe transition in the past several years to attain this record. This is due in part to the members of the team, like senior defender Mike Burke, as well as the coaching staff and methods of training that have been enforced.

Burke, a cornerback said, "Since I can remember, I have been playing football." He began playing the sport in the Pee Wee's, and kept playing throughout high school. There he was met with many awards, including All-Conference, All-County, All-State, and more. He was also the team captain his senior year. All of these accomplishments shaped Burke into the player that is he today at Muhlenberg, where he has also received a great deal of recognition for his efforts.



For the second year in a row, Burke has been named the Centennial Conference Defensive Player of the Week in football. This occurred after a shutout against Gettysburg, 41-0. Burke contributed greatly to the team's success, as he intercepted two passes. One of these interceptions was returned 60 yards by Burke for his first career touchdown. The other interception led to a field goal for the Mules. Burke again aided in the Muhlenberg rout by recovering a blocked punt on the one-yard line, which led to a touchdown. Overall, Burke found himself satisfied with his performance, as did the entire secondary team who allowed the Bullets to have only 55 passing yards. Burke discussed the contest, stating that "everything was just going right with both sides of the ball. We played a really great game."

As for the Mules' progress throughout the years which has aided in successful games like the one against Gettysburg, Burke says that the team "went from the laughing stock of the league to being a top contender. Each year we have gotten better, and it's really a reflection of our hard work." In 1998, the team also gained a new AstroTurf field, which proves to be an asset to the Mules when they host opposing teams.

Coach Mike Donnelly has also been a very influential in both Burke's and the team's performance. Donnelly's first year at the College was Burke's freshman year here. Together they began in similar positions. He feels that they both "came into a program that was down and had a great opportunity to reform it."

After all the work Burke has put into the football team here, he would like to continue after he graduates. He is a communication major, with a minor in business, but is unsure about where he would like to take his career.

He would most likely enjoy playing football after college in the Semi-Pro's or in Europe. While Burke discovers what his other passions are for the future, he knows that football will be a top priority.

Burke will lead the Centennial Conference defense of the week against Moravian this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. where they look to continue their winning streak.

Wrestling starts the season with hopes of pinning down major victories

By Mike Billet
Sports Editor

The men's wrestling team kicked off the 2000-2001 season with a split decision on Saturday at Centenary. The Mules finished last season with a sixth place finish in the Centennial Conference with a 2-4 record and 8-14 overall. Last Saturday, they lost to NYU 25 to 21 in the first match and then defeated Centenary 37 to 16 in what Muhlenberg wrestling coach Tom Schleicher called a "good start to the season, but it could have been better." While the Mules defeated Centenary easily, they "had NYU on the ropes, but could not deliver."

Photo by Scott Swartz

Nate Yeasted practices holds on a teammate.

Freshman Brendan Barrett was 2-0 with a pin in his collegiate debut. He defeated Nick Falleoff of NYU, 9-7, and pinned Kyle Roe of Centenary in 4:56. The Mules were also led by senior Jason McLean, who returned after a two-year absence. McLean won a major decision over Gary Bonspille of Centenary and pinned NYU's Pat Farrell in 2:22. Sophomore Nate Yeasted and junior Bill Holsinger each had two victories. Other wins for Muhlenberg on Saturday came from freshman David Brown, sophomore Greg Jacobs, and seniors John Slokovitz and Dan Ochoa.

The wrestling team has their second meet of the season this Saturday at the King Monarch's Invitational.

Last season, the Mules finished eighth out of eleven teams at this tournament. Wrestlers Andy Faust and Bill Holsinger both won places in this tournament to open the 1999 season. Faust continued to wrestle well throughout the season, and ended up being one of two Muhlenberg wrestlers to make it to the NCAA Division III Championships. Junior Tyler Cathey also qualified for the championships last season. Faust and Cathey both took first place in their respective weight levels at the Centennial Conference Championships, where the Mules came in fourth place. After laboring through last season with a depleted roster, the 2000 wrestling team has new depth. For most of last season, the Mules only had eight wrestlers and struggled to come up with a lineup. Yet, this season depth will not be a problem for the Mules. With 17 wrestlers on the roster, the Mules will have a full lineup each match and Schleicher will "have the flexibility to juggle" his lineup.

Yet still, in Schleicher's mind, the Mules are still "two kids away from being a real good team." Two of the top Muhlenberg wrestlers from 1999 will be playing a less prominent role this season. Cathey broke his ankle this summer, and Schleicher hopes that he will be back by second semester. Faust, after a great 1999 campaign, decided not to wrestle this year.

Even with these tough breaks, Schleicher is still optimistic and believes that the Mules will be "quite competitive" this season.

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7 women soccer players named to All-Centennial team

Team advances to 2nd round of Division III playoffs

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The women's soccer team compiled a 15-3-2 record this season to win the Centennial Conference for the first time.

BY MIKE HOGENTOGLER
Weekly Sports Writer

After an incredible season that ushered in a school record of 15 wins and a victory in the NCAA tournament,the women's soccer team prolonged their success. Seven players were placed on the 2000 All-Centennial Conference team, and Alissa Desiderio was named Player of the Year.

First team players included Desiderio, who scored nine goals and had four assists this season. Joining her is freshman Dawn Iberer, who was responsible for fourteen goals, five assists, and a total of 33 points for the Mules.

On the second team are forwards Jen Sands and Nancy Grove as well as sophomore goalkeeper Kim Laurino. Junior midfielder Jennie Vroman and sophomore back Katie Hawkins received honorable mention.

Following their thrilling 2-1 victory in the first round of the NCAA playoffs, the women's soccer team looked to upset. The College of New Jersey in the second round. The Mules sensational season came to a close, however, with a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the number one ranked team in Division III.

The Mules' defense held strong for the first thirty-five minutes of the contest, until New Jersey's Christine Grande scored off of a pass from Alison Baker. The Mules were facing a one-goal deficit until Grande scored her second goal of the contest with only twenty-four seconds remaining in the first half. Down 2-0, the Mules defense continued to play strong, however the offense was unable to find the back of the net. The team's best offensive chance came early in the second half, when senior Alissa Desiderio took a pass from freshman Dawn Iberer and broke in alone on the Lions' goalie. However, her shot was blocked by New Jersey goalie Victoria Nusse. Then, with less than thirteen minutes to play, Cara Gabage scored the final goal of the contest , sealing the victory for the Lions. Although Muhlenberg was outshot 24-2 in the contest, sophomore goalie Kim Laurino played a solid game. She registered ten saves, tying her previous career high. Victoria Nusse made one save while recording the shutout for the Lions. They will advance to the next round of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Despite suffering the defeat, the Mules enjoyed much success on the field this year. With a final record of 15-4-2, they tied the school record for wins in a season. Additionally, the team captured the Centennial Conference Championship for the first time in school history with a conference record of 8-1-1, including an undefeated record of 5-0 at home in conference match-ups.

The team's success is credited to the leadership and guidance of head coach Leslie Benintend. After leading the women's soccer team to back-

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Defense holds off Hartwick; 7-2 is best record in years

BY MIKE BILLET
Sports Editor

A family weekend crowd of 4,471 watched the Mules take the lead, then squander it, only to take it back within the final two minutes to pull out a 30-26 victory against the Hartwick Hawks this Saturday. The Mules started off well offensively , when on their first possession of the game, senior quarterback Michael McCabe capped off a 6 play, 68-yard drive with an eleven yard touchdown pass to junior Josh Carter. Michael Dickinson completed the extra point attempt making the score 7-0.

After three punts, Mule 's sophomore Jordan Wright returned the ball twenty-four yards to Hartwick's eighteen-yard line after an interception. However, on the first play of the drive, McCabe was intercepted by the Hawks' secondary. Hartwick drove 72 yards down the field, but on a crucial fourth and one attempt, the Mules' defense held up strong, handing over possession on downs.

McCabe completed a 73 yard pass to Carter on the first play of this drive to set up a field goal, making the score 10-0. However, the Hawks fought back quickly as on the ensuing kickoff return, Ryan Soule received a reverse handoff and juked kicker Chris Reed to return the ball 82 yards into the end zone. The extra point attempt by Jim Kennedy made the score 10-7 at the end of the first half.

On the first Hawk possession of the second half, junior Erik Hammar intercepted quarterback Daniel Pincelli. The Mules converted the turnover into a touchdown on a seven-yard completion to freshman Matt Bernardo. Dickinson's extra point made the score 17 to 7.

Hartwick was resilient and fought back on their next drive as a Mule penalty for roughing the kicker prolonged the Hawks' drive and shifted the momentum of the game. Running back Ty Smith ran the ball 51 yards into the end zone after two completions from Pincelli to wide recievers Greg Balcavage and Soule. Kennedy's extra point attempt was good making the score 17-14 and cutting the Hawks' deficit to three.

Hartwick took the lead 20-17 when Pincelli's 45-yard completion to Soule set up a touchdown pass to wide receiver Luke Urtz. The Mules fought back on their next drive, which was set up by Carter's 28 yard kickoff return. A few great McCabe passes put the Mules on Hartwick's two-yard line. McCabe rushed into the end zone putting the Mules back on top, 23-20. With 52 seconds left on the clock in the first half, the Hawks put together an impressive drive, but were stopped when sophomore Jordan Wright intercepted Pincelli.

Wright said, "The defensive secondary was challenged by the coach to step up. We stepped up and performed. Our team had seven interceptions against a quarterback who had only been picked off five times this season. Pincelli is ranked as the # 1 quarterback in New York states. With both teams at 6-2, the game was evenly matched. The better team prevailed in this game."

In the fourth quarter, the Mules' defense came up with a big play again when senior cornerback Mike Burke intercepted quarterback Daniel Pincelli for his first pick of the day. Unfortunately, the Mules were unable to capitalize on the turnover and went three and out for the second offensive possession in a row.

On their next drive, Pincelli drove the Hawks 65 yards down the field and into the end zone to recapture the lead. However, the Mules special teams came up

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PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

CB Jordan Wright pulls in one of the Mules' seven interceptions.

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As crunch time nears, Dean feels pressure of the budget

Funds depend on next year's class

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

After the enrollment of 583 students in the class of 2004, admissions officers will be monitoring interest and applications closely as they determine how many students to admit both under early decision and regular decision.

Their job is especially important this year, as the graduating class is small by recent standards and the size of the freshman class for the most part determines the next year's budget.

"It's a balancing act and we do it every year," said Kent Dyer, College Treasurer. "It's a delicate balance as far as trying to keep your liberal arts education and also offer more resources."

Dyer said that a significant and unexpected cut in enrollment would drain the College's operating budget, but that there is a cushion to protect against drastic program and employment cuts should that enrollment be low.

Because each full-paying student pays over $20,000 in tuition, a small freshman class means less money for the budget.

But Dyer said that he has several contingency funds he can draw from, though he acknowledged that a sharp and unexpected drop in the freshman class would cause program cuts and layoffs.

"The people part is the last thing we go to," Dyer said.

When admissions targets were low in 1990, the entire College felt a squeeze.

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Inside

Midnight at the diner

Our reviewers returns to evaluate local diners on coffee, a muffin, eggs, hash browns and, of course, ambiance. The results are on page 10.

Football makes playoffs

The Mules went to the playoffs for the first time in half a century this year, after concluding an 8-2 season. Page 16.

Who wants to see Regis?

The Communication Club traveled to New York to see Regis Philbin and to tour NBC studios. Page 6.

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Health plan to include same-sex partners

By Emily Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

By recommendation of the Faculty Policy and Personnel Committee (FPPC) and at the request of College President Arthur R. Taylor, the College will now afford similar health benefits to same-sex domestic partners of faculty and staff as it does to spouses.

The expansion of the health insurance plan will begin Jan. 1.

"This is a statement of support—it's a demonstrated way we [show] our commitment to a policy of not discriminating," said Anne Hochella, Vice President of Human Resources.

The College's Pension plan has always accepted domestic partners as beneficiaries. Although Hochella doesn't expect a large number of employees to use the new plan, "it's there if it's needed," and helps in recruitment and hiring of new staff and faculty. She emphasizes that this plan does not cover opposite sex domestic partners who are not yet married, because they are by law able to join in a legal bond.

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Photo by Jeff Baird

Nancy Grove and Beth Freeman at the candle ceremony.

Candle vigil protests death penalty on eve of execution

By Evan Jaffee
Weekly Staff Writer

Daniel Saranchank is a convicted killer. He was supposed to be executed on Nov. 8. He was not.

Yet, hours before his fate was known, 15 members of the Muhlenberg community spent a full evening hour holding a candlelight vigil in Parents Plaza as a protest towards the death penalty.

Led by school Chaplain Peter Bredlau and Junior Nancy Grove, the participants let their voices be heard. The group's purpose, according to Grove, was to raise awareness of the death penalty.

Saranchak was convicted of the 1993 robbery and murders of his grandmother and uncle here in the state of Pennsylvania.

He is one of the 235 inmates on Pennsylvania's death row. And he was to be the fourth prisoner executed since the Supreme Court allowed states to implement the death penalty in 1976. Nationwide, Pennsylvania ranks fourth in the number of prisoners on death row.

The United States Supreme Court blocked Saranchak's Nov. 8 date with death by refusing to overturn a stay of execution (a postponement of an execution). The U.S. Court of Appeals has also postponed Sarachak's day of execution for the foreseeable future pending a decision by the Third Circuit Court in Philadelphia.

The judges on the Third Circuit are likely to hear arguments pertaining to Saranchak's mental competency. He had recently waived his right to further appeals. Since his placement on death row in 1994, Sarachak's lawyers have been very successful in receiving stays of execution.

They were so successful in fact that the recent stay was the fifth that Saranchak has received.

All five of the stays have been based on Saranchak's compe-

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Volleyball court to be converted to parking lot

Addition of 43 spaces

By Jodi Stark
Weekly Staff Writer

Plans have been approved to remove the beach volleyball court above the Phi Kappa Tau house and build a parking lot containing forty-three spaces. A planning committee decided after much consideration that the volleyball court would be the most ideal location for the lot. The College has known that the need for additional parking is strong.

"I hope they don't ruin the natural look of campus," said Junior Kristy Miles. "Although I recognize the need for parking, we have so many buildings already."

With the construction of two new residence halls and major renovations to the Life Sports Center and Seegers Union, parking spaces will be lost. For example, with the addition of the residence halls, 10 to 12 spaces will be lost out of the 26th street lot. It is not yet

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STOP
LOOK BOTH WAYS BEFORE ENTERING TRAFFIC

Photo by Jeff Baird

Drivers pulling out of the entrance to Fraternity Drive see this sign reminding them to look both ways. Recently, there has been concern about limited views when pulling onto Chew St.

OP/ED

Bacteria of human thought prefer to dine on cartoons

Jeff Baird
News Editor

Okay, here's what happened:

1. After networks miscalled the selection of Florida's electors, the American electorate woke up Wednesday morning not knowing the outcome of the election. Florida's 25 electoral votes would give either candidate enough votes to win.
2. Somebody, intent on Internet fame, fooled around on Microsoft Paint and created a parody of the Florida presidential ballot. This parody has a straight line pointing to a dot next to George W. Bush's name. The arrows indicating the dots for Buchanan and Gore are horribly intertwined.
3. Along with countless others, I received this through e-mail several times.
4. Within days, several members of the College community thought so much of this graphic that they posted it all over the place.

Like many such Internet graphics, this one is marginally funny and is definitely original. But I hardly think it is original or sophisticated enough to impress so many College faculty that one can't walk through an academic building without seeing it SOMEWHERE.

This is where it gets interesting. I figure that in a college—a forum for ideas, a harvest of intellect, a petri dish for the bacteria of human thought—surely an opposite, different and somewhat more analytical viewpoint would be just as welcome as some Internet geek's paint drawing.

So, I decided to perform an experiment. The Sociology and Anthropology department, on the first floor of Ettinger, and the English department in the C.A. are rife with literary and political messages. Both show the cartoon.

On Monday afternoon, I made two signs, each reading:

"A manual recount in some Florida counties places more importance on the votes in those counties than on the votes in counties where only an automatic recount took place. Therefore, a selective, manual recount violates the 14th Amendment rights of voters in counties where there was only an automatic recount."

I put a sign next to the cartoon in both the English department and the Sociology and Anthropology department.

That was at 3:00 on Monday. At 4:00, both still hung; same thing for 5:00.

But by the next day, the sign I put up on the Sociology/Anthropology door had been torn down. So much for the petri dish of thought. There may be a deep underlying Sociological or Anthropological concept that proves the witty cartoon more valid than a constitution-based argument. If there is, I'm an ignorant. But perhaps sometime today, the Sociology or Anthropology department can post a sign explaining why, exactly, the cartoon was more suitable for display than my sign.

As for the English department, my sign stands (at least as of Tuesday).

Actually, I got immense satisfaction both out of seeing my sign remain posted in the English department AND out of seeing it torn down in Sociology. I recommend you try it. I think it would be really good if everyone posts signs in response to displays on professors' doors and in academic areas. Because I'm one of the only conservative students here, I think I'll be busy keeping alive the harvest of intellect by responding to political messages in the form of signs. I hope you'll all join me—and maybe the Sociology and Anthropology departments will come to their senses.

May the petri dish live on.

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Basic human needs addressed

Priscilla Begin
Weekly Guest Columnist

Closed off from the rest of the world, contained in the infamous Muhlenberg bubble, students tend not to ponder uncomfortable issues. Although the presidential election might be enough for most people to think about, how many of us actually stop to contemplate the genocide occurring in Eastern Europe, or the staggering percentage of Africans with AIDS and the current rate of infection? What about domestic problems? Although the general public has been educated on issues like healthcare and social security, these are not real problems. People can survive without increased government aid towards prescription drugs and a larger social security check. Humans cannot subsist without food and shelter from the elements.

Most of us feel strange enough walking into the Campus Store, on the eastern end near Woody's, or traveling into Center City Allentown. We fear for our safety, assuming that just because a person has fewer material goods than we do means they want to harm us. Contrary to popular belief, homelessness really is a problem in Allentown. It is so easy to focus on the superficial problems brought on by increased wealth and corporate influence that those who really need the help are oftentimes bypassed. We all admire those who take the time to care for the homeless; we see it as an honorable task, but never bother to contemplate the idea ourselves. In the United States alone, nearly 2 million men, women and children are homeless; this is approximately one percent of the U.S. population. In addition to this, twenty-five percent of all homeless are children.

What can be done about the problem of homelessness in the U.S.? Instead of enacting laws that punish these people for sleeping on park benches, more shelters must be opened on order to accommodate the homeless. One example of this travesty against humanity is in the city of Santa Monica. Santa Monica, in the past few years, has enacted several laws stating that homeless people are a) not allowed to sit down or to rest in any public place and b) that private individuals are not allowed to distribute food to any homeless person.

On any given night, over 750,000 people are homeless. With shelters barely able to support 250,000 people, the other half million are forced to sleep on the streets. This is not a choice made consciously to draw attention; the people who sleep in alleys and on top of street vents are forced there because of the lack of shelters.

Welfare money must no longer go to the single mothers who repeatedly

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Editorial aside

The College took a step in the right direction by offering health care benefits to same-sex domestic partners of faculty and staff on par with those of heterosexual married couples.

Although it is unknown as to how many people this will benefit, it is assuring to know that Arthur Taylor, Human Resources and the faculty are all in accordance with a non-discriminating policy. Just because they cannot be legally married, they should not be exempt from the most basic health care privileges. This policy puts us above our competitors; it opens doors for prospective employees and students that look for an institution that accepts and embraces not only a person of any nationality, religion, race, or ethnicity, but of any sexuality, and their same-sex partner who they would marry if they could.

It's disconcerting when The Weekly hears from students, like columnist Michael Lerman, who experience homophobia. But College policy proves that it would treat any student or employee and their family with equality.

Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Presently employed by the infamous Muhlenberg College Student Help Desk, we are students balancing work and school. We are also the people who answer to the computer problems, are responsible for maintaining the printers and computers in most of the campus labs, and are part of the group considered the primary users of this equipment.

Upon entering Muhlenberg College, every students signs a technology agreement to use the equipment properly and not abuse it. This agreement holds no bearing for many students as they still choose to misuse the equipment. Why do certain students feel they should print the manuscript of Macbeth three times for a total of 300 pages? Why is it necessary to print 100 pages of spring break information? These useless documents not only waste paper and toner but greatly increase the wear and tear on our technology. Our "preposterously out of date" equipment as stated in an unsigned opinion in the November 9th Muhlenberg Weekly, is not the cause for the general malfunction of school equipment. The same printers and

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Death penalty opponents propagandize

Gabriel L. Nathan
Weekly Guest Columnist

A large percentage of the OP/ED section of last week's paper was devoted to the fact that Chris Roberti and Nancy Grove were arrested at an anti-death penalty rally in Philadelphia. Well, this is news, and the Muhlenberg Weekly is certainly obligated to cover this news like any other. What I cannot understand is why the Weekly saw fit to publish a first-hand piece by the arrestees themselves. After all, this is a newspaper, where reporters are supposed to report on things that happen to *other* people. I didn't realize it was a forum for activists to discuss and advertise the things they do in their lives.

The real victims are the ones sitting at home, patiently, bereft of loved ones...

The self-aggrandizing and overtly obnoxious congratulatory tone of the "look-what-we-did" column, written by Roberti and Grove themselves, is nothing more than self-righteous propaganda. "We want to state, in no uncertain terms, that we oppose the death penalty with all of our power," said Roberti and Grove. That's great—but isn't that what they stated by holding their protest? Did they really need half a newspaper page to pat themselves on the back about it?

Also, I don't think that comparing themselves to Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks was quite appropriate. Everybody stands up for things that they believe in every day, some of us just choose not to make a glowing spectacle of ourselves. So they broke the law. I don't write editorials every time I park my car over a foot from the curb. If getting arrested for breaking the law makes them equal with Gandhi, King, and Rosa Parks, then I guess it makes them equal with every other slob who has ever gotten the cuffs slapped on their wrists too.

Roberti and Grove state that "handcuffs are not comfy and jail was not fun, but [they'd] do it again in an instant". Well, handcuffs are not *supposed* to be "comfy" and jail is not *supposed* to be "fun." Because, by committing a crime, Roberti and Grove were made to pay a price. Their price for breaking their law must be the inevitable chaffing of their wrists for a few hours due to those nasty handcuffs, and being in an uncomfortable jail-cell. Murderers are made to pay a price too. Their price must be infinitely higher than the price paid by Roberti and Grove.

When Roberti and Grove hear statements made by pro-death penalty advocates, their "blood boils". I would be willing to bet that, at the rally where they were arrested, not one statement was made about the victims of the murders committed by these capital killers. That makes *my* blood boil. The *real* victims are the ones sitting at home, patiently, bereft of loved ones, waiting for states like Pennsylvania to get their act together and start delivering the justice that juries and judges demanded decades ago.

It seems that Roberti and Grove are pretty excited about the prospect that this arrest will probably go on their permanent record. Well, you know what? So am I.

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Letter

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computers are used on campuses and businesses throughout the country without any ill effects..

Who cares about abuse? Why can't OIT and its staff keep the equipment in working order? The simple answer for the many technological problems is due to overload and apathetic students. Many problems with computers on campus are not reported to the Help Desk, and for those that are so numerous, it is close to impossible to keep everyone happy. The bottom line: If students take responsibility and care about the equipment on campus, many problems would disappear.

- John Wolff and Andrew Weiss

P.S. The library will soon have its own "OIT-approved" technology staff to take care of its labs at all times.

Gore cheated out of his win

Daylin Leach, Esq.
Weekly Guest Columnist

The one important thing to remember when evaluating the recent events surrounding the presidential election in Florida is that more people came out and stood in line to vote for Al Gore than George Bush. People in the Bush campaign will even privately admit it. However, there are a number of reasons Bush clings to roughly a 300 vote lead. There are the 3,400 people who read the illegal and confusing ballot incorrectly and voted for Buchanan when they intended to vote for Gore. There are 19,000 people who punched both buttons next to Gore's name (there was only one button next to Bush's name) and thus had their votes disqualified. There were thousands of black voters who showed up at the polls only to be told that there were not enough ballots and they should go home.

Bush will do anything to ensure that the true will of the people is thwarted

There were the hundreds of Haitian voters who were told their name was not on the registration slip, even though they were registered. (Funny how these problems only occurred in Democratic precincts) Despite the electoral problems in Florida, Gore won the national vote by more than 200,000. If Bush were to become president under these circumstances, it would be difficult to attach any legitimacy to his administration. Of course, Bush doesn't care. He is attempting to block a hand recount which could fix some of these problems even though he signed as governor, a law requiring a hand count in disputed elections in Texas. He knows that a hand count will result in a Gore victory. This is something he will do anything to avoid. It is important to know this when listening to the statements of his advisors.

For example, when James Baker said "we don't want to get lawyers involved" and then filed a lawsuit the next day, it was because Bush doesn't want a true count. Today he says he wants a swift resolution to this matter. Watch what happens when he falls behind. Suddenly, swiftness will no longer seem that important. Instead, we will need recounts, and lots of them! In Iowa, Wisconsin, Oregon, etc. He will probably demand hand recounts, claiming they are clearly more accurate and the only fair way to get an accurate count. Bush will do anything to ensure that the true will of the people is thwarted.

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Help the homeless

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bear children to receive more money from the government, but to the mentally ill, disabled and hard working people on the verge of homelessness. The little things help as well. Maybe Wood Dining Services could donate some of its unused food, the food that is left over from catered events or that is not used on a daily basis in the Garden Room and GQ, to a local homeless shelter. Or, instead of having those students who were caught for alcohol violations pick up trash around campus, the college could send students to serve breakfast at a soup kitchen or food bank. Some students additionally participate in off-campus groups organized specifically for helping the homeless. These students rise early one morning each weekend to travel to homeless shelters and areas inhabited by the dispossessed to give them food and encouragement.

It does not take a tremendous amount of energy to help a group of people. A few cans, a warm blanket or a little time can go a long way in the fight against homelessness. Looking outside of the Muhlenberg bubble does not simply mean watching the national news once in a while, reaching outside of the bubble advocates that students take an active role in improving the community we live in.

"Naderboo," by Dustiny's Child

(sung to the tune of "Bugaboo," by
Destiny's Child)

You make me wanna throw that
NAFTA out the window
Tell Bush and Gore to stop
being clones.
Let Ralph debate so I can vote.
Cause I'm a Naderboo, a Naderboo.

I wanna get those inmates out
the cellblock.
Tell George Bush to make the
killing stop.
Cause I'm a Naderboo, a Naderwhat?
A Naderwho?
A Naderboo and don't you
see it's cool?

It's not hot that you keep takin' soft
money from corporations
and then you deny.
And it's not hot that you keep fillin'
up prisons discriminatin for
drugs and drive-bys.
In the primaries you were cool, but
it was game you had us fooled
'Cause twenty minutes after you
started debating it was obvious
you were both fools.

So what? Your daddy likes you.
What now I guess you think that
will do?
You don't have to kill as much as
you do
They don't complain if you
electrocute.

So what? Tipper likes you
What now I guess you think
we will too?
You don't have to lie as much
as you do.
Where's Bill Bradley when you
need the fool?

Internet creator you're buggin me,
"subliminable" messages you're
buggin me,
Everything you do you buggin me,
you buggin me, you buggin me.

Throw out that NAFTA! No WTO!
IMF can hit the door
Cause I'm a Naderboo, a Naderboo.

Weekly Discourse: The Electoral College
An archaic, undemocratic system which is no longer useful?

David M. Sobotkin
Op/Ed Editor

WHILE THE ELECTORAL College is, indeed, upon a cursory observation, an out-of-date relic or a throwback from a time where American politics was dominated by white, landowning males, a deeper look reveals more. The Electoral College serves a very real, sensible purpose. In stark contrast to the claims that the College serves as an undemocratic institution, it serves quite an opposite function: ensuring democracy and equality in presidential elections.

> *...there will be a profound swing from issues of national importance to a specific concentration on urban and suburban concerns...*

Under the current system, irrespective of party-appointed state "electors," the Electoral College does, in fact, assure a more democratic election than would an alternative system of electing the president: the popular vote. As opposed to the system of 547 electoral votes, the popular vote tabulation would prove to be even more undemocratic, elitist and skewed than the current method. Presently, candidates for the high office in the land must seek out various states which carry with them a high number of electoral votes, such as California, New York and Texas. While this has been proclaimed by many opponents to the College as neglectful of other smaller states, election by popular vote will not help this is in any fashion. In fact, it will do exactly the opposite. A constitutional amendment to elect the president popularly will expand, not contract, this gap between more and less populous states. Concurrently, an entire policy shift will, in fact, result from the popular election.

The shift of importance away from the most populated *states* to the most populated *areas* will have serious policy implications. Under a system in which the national executive is selected popularly, there will be a profound swing from issues of national importance to a specific concentration on urban and suburban concerns. Rarely, if at all, will any farm or other rural issues be discussed, for they will fall on the periphery of effective campaigning. Rural problems have fallen out of the mainstream national political arena under the Electoral College, and shamefully so; but any discussion of such topics would nearly disappear under an election system based on the popular vote.

From the lack of dialogue conducted on the national campaign level, such a lack of care will surely carry over into meticulous care for urban and suburban residents, concurrent with care similar to an absentee landlord for rural Americans. It is this which is a greater threat to the American democracy in the realm of the selection of the president than his/her selection by a group of electors with the *de facto* advice and consent of the public.

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Leigh Somerville
Weekly Guest Columnist

THE 2000 ELECTION WILL undoubtedly be one for the history books. It will be the closest election in all of our nation's two hundred and twenty-four years. Never before have the American people woke up the morning after election day not knowing who would be the president elect. We have also never, in any of our lifetimes, had a leader who was not the choice of the people. Come January twentieth that may change. To ensure that our fledgling democracy would survive, the founding fathers established the Electoral College. They distrusted the general public to be able to choose a qualified leader. This is a valid point because America was a different place then. There was limited access to information, and voters were all rich, white, land-owning males who often lacked the basic education and civic awareness to make such an important judgment call. I fully understand there was a need for this in the 1700s.

It is no longer the eighteenth century. We are, on the whole, a more educated people. The United States is a country where we are fortunate enough to have endless access to all forms of media. The news can be seen on television 24 hours a day, and the Internet allows us access to information we only dreamed of a few short years ago. Thus, registered voters can make informed decisions. Today the Electoral College is not promoting the growth of our nation, but is a detriment to public participation. In a presidential race so close, voter turnout was projected to be the highest in decades, yet it hovered around the usual fifty percent. One major reason for what seems to be public disillusionment may be the Electoral College. I will never forget the day when I realized that the votes I would one day cast for president would, in effect, not count.

> *It's now time for our government to put its trust in the American people.*

I am not saying I have no faith in the system. But why should the American people be motivated to go out on election day if the votes of a few are to decide the fate of so many? What better way to create public apathy then by completely disregarding the will of the people! These electors are not every day working class Americans. They do not represent a cross section of our population. They are appointed to the distinguished position of elector. Party loyalists, state officials, local bureaucrats; a voting elite, if you will. They are the people (and most of them just happen to be rich, white, landowning males) that have picked every president. Hardly a true democracy. It is time to trust the American people. The individual *we* choose should be the leader of this nation. It is as simple as that. The people are trusted to elect senators and representatives. Why is the office of President so different? America prides itself on the strength of its democracy. I say it's time to reinforce these values. It's time to eliminate the antiquated system of having electors choose our president. Our founding fathers made another wise decision to benefit the nation. They created a constitution which can bend and change to fit the times.

Amending the constitution to eliminate the electoral college is a change that has been brewing since 1888 when Cleveland had a higher percentage of the popular vote, but Harrison carried the electoral vote and became president. If the 2000 election teaches us anything, it will be that no matter who wins, reform is needed. Every year the American people go to the polls and put their trust in our government. It's now time for our government to put its trust in the American people.

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Please join students and colleagues for an informal presentation and discussion of recent uses of civil disobedience as a strategy for change. Led by Dr. Jack Gambino, Chris Roberti, Nancy Grove and Carlos Munoz '00. Chris and Nancy were recently arrested in Philadelphia as part of a non-violent death penalty protest.

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Campus ministry with a java style

By Joseph M. Trentacoste
Managing Editor

Off-Duty with Susan Steinhaus

PHOTO BY JOE TRENTACOSTE

Sporting the dark green Java Joe shirt, nestled behind the stack of talls, grandes, ventis, pulling espresso shots for those over-tired students who just finished their all-nighter, she greets her regular customers by name, remembering their drink of choice. "I started drinking Starbucks in 1975, when it was one shop selling beans in Pike Place Market in Seattle," proclaims Susan Steinhaus, the coffee cart manager, brewing and ready for business in Seegers Union every morning at 8:30 a.m.

When Susan attended the University of Washington in Seattle for her degree in Landscape and Design, her love for Starbucks began. But she also has a love for campus ministry—after college, she was recruited as a lay minister at the University of Utah, and then at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She worked in a Starbucks shop on the south side of the city for three years.

Susan met her husband, Jay Rochelle, at a conference for Lutheran campus ministry—he was then the campus minister at Yale University. Five and a half years ago, they moved to Allentown, where Jay is the pastor at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church a few blocks down Ott St. from the College.

Four years ago at the Lehigh Valley Velodrome, the track cycling center in nearby Trexlertown, Susan spotted a Wood Company manager selling Starbucks—this is the first time she had seen it sold since Chicago. "I asked him where he got his Starbucks." He told her they were starting a small Starbucks at Muhlenberg, and Susan "sort of volunteered to be the manager." So, when Java Joe began four years ago, Susan was there. Since then, she has made one of her goals to know the name of every customer. "I've grown attached to the campus—it reminds me if campus ministry," she says. She enjoys talking to prospective students who visit Java Joe, and when the coffee cart is closed, Susan and Jay are "big supporters" of the Institute for Jewish Christian Understanding at the College; Jay teaches a class for the Institute.

Susan is a member of the Philadelphia Art Museum, teaches Sunday School, and participates in Meals on Wheels once a month. While she's not creating recipes for Java Joe, like the new Italian sodas, she works on her house. "I'm painting bookshelves this weekend."

Along with her 12 year-old son Caleb, Susan has four older stepchildren, two grandchildren, and two Keeshand dogs. The students that work with her at the cart and the customers she interacts with everyday are also a part of her family. "I've been touched the way [students] share their lives with me. I want to support them in whatever they're doing. It feels like a family. It sounds hokey, but in a lot of ways, it really is."

Taylor gives State of College to parents, students

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

College President Arthur R. Taylor delivered his State of the College address last Saturday, Nov. 1 during parents weekend, declaring that "these are great days for us, great days" and announcing that he will stay at the College until the most recent capital campaign concludes seven years from now.

At times, he told personal stories; then he would reverse to declarative and authoritative mode. Taylor said that the College has been on an upward trajectory for admission competition and standards for professors.

"We are pursuing vigorously the whole idea of how to keep that trajectory up," he said.

The College President spent a significant portion of his address speaking about admissions and enrollment.

"If we lose even a small amount" of students, the College will be hurt, he said. Taylor reported that the number of students who choose the College over other competitors in the area has increased.

"Admissions is truly phenomenal," he said, adding: "Would I sacrifice something in the SAT and something in the GPA for a decent kid? You bet.

"The SAT's the GPA's, it's not enough. You have to be a decent kid," Taylor said.

"We don't accept students here," he continued. "We accept families. And if students don't have a family, then we're their family."

"These other colleges, they run around and they say, 'come to our college,'" Taylor mocked. "They are my competitors and I will do them in."

He also spoke about potential dangers and pitfalls to the student body and at the same time marveled about the latest generation of students.

"This is as decent a group of undergraduates as anyone would ever find," he gushed.

At one point, he said that "nothing is allowed to hurt my college," and said that when the College was threatened, he took care of the problem. He joked that at the same time, he also got rid of the football team.

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>
> Arthur R. Taylor

Health insurance expanded to include same-sex partners

A move to match industry trend

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"A common law marriage is an easy process that [heterosexual] couples can do so the insurance covers them. Because same-sex marriages cannot happen, we are providing them the opportunity for coverage," explained Hochella.

Other institutions in the Lehigh Valley have also adopted this plan: it has been in effect at Lafayette College for two years, Moravian College is beginning the policy addition and Cedar Crest College is considering it.

"Many many small private colleges are adopting the policy, and in order to remain competitive, we needed to offer the same sort of benefits," said Hochella.

A survey from Bowdoin College in Maine found that 66 percent of northeastern private institutions were adopting the same-sex domestic partner health insurance policy.

Two years ago, the FPPC, chaired by Dr. Ludwig Schlecht, decided the policy was something the College should look into. "It is the right thing to do. A lot of other colleges were doing it, there was no reason not to afford benefits to the people who deserve them," he explained.

The FPPC simply raised the issue and emphasized its importance—Schlecht gives credit to Taylor who decided it would be so.

The policy change only meant going back to the insurers for approval, and making sure the underwriter's groundwork could be completed. The contracts were completed, and the policy will begin at the start of the new year. "This definitely puts us on even footing with other colleges," said Hochella.

In addition to the request by the FPPC, Hochella recalls two years ago she was contacted by a woman pretending to be a mother of a prospective openly lesbian student, and asked whether or not the College supported same-sex domestic partners in their health insurance policies.

At the time, the College did not have such a policy—the only area school supporting it was Lafayette.

Hochella then saw the information she gave the woman in the form of a chart in the Valley Free Press, a newspaper targeted at the gay and lesbian audience in the Lehigh Valley.

"I then realized that this woman was a reporter, and saw that the benefits provided to faulty and staff are also important to students." This week, Hochella was contacted by the same reporter, Liz Bradbury, about the College's new policy.

Bradbury has been investigating the changes in Lehigh Valley colleges since Lafayette began the "domino effect," and hopes that soon the remaining area schools will make the transition; namely Lehigh and Allentown College.

"Health care benefits are extremely important to same-sex domestic partners," said Bradbury, the now editor of the Valley Free Press.

"To buy a policy is extremely expensive, and now Muhlenberg is guaranteeing the option for insurance for employees partners, and their children." Bradbury sees this as a huge step in anti-discrimination policy at the College, and an important perk for prospective employees.

> *"In order to remain competitive, we need to offer the same sort of benefits."*
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> Vice President, Human Resources

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OFF CAMPUS

University of Virginia—A year-long sting involving undercover police officers and inside student informants came to a dramatic conclusion this week, as $46,000 worth of illegal drugs were discovered; three current and six former students were arrested; and shocked University officials, some of whom declared they did not know there was a drug problem. The drug bust is the largest in the University's history and many hope it places more of a focus on alcohol problems and also what they call a surprising abundance of ecstacy.

University of Nevada-Reno—Clutching the ex-girlfriend he held hostage, Eric Youngren, 22, a former UNR student, threatened to kill himself at a two hour armed standoff at the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house at the University of Nevada-Reno. Youngren fired one shot from his .357 into the floor and nobody was hurt. Fraternity brothers commented that he was nothing but a "friendly and sincere brother."

Philadelphia, Pa.—Philadelphia Mayor John Street decided this week not to go ahead with plans to build a new Phillies stadium in a downtown area, ending a debate rife with controversy. Now, both the Phillies and the Eagles will have new stadiums built in South Philadelphia, costing as much as $350 million less than the original downtown plans. The new site also would accommodate more parking and would be different from "any other sports complex in the country," the mayor said.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rain	Scattered Showers	Mostly cloudy
High 50 Low 29	High 44 Low 26	High 42 Low 24

Club travels to New York to visit Regis

Students crowd around Regis in New York.

Photo courtesy of the Communication Club

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

The Center for the Arts was alive and awake on Monday morning as 20 students from the Communication Club gathered there at 5:30 a.m. to begin their trek into New York City for the day. The bleary-eyed students boarded a charter bus that took off shortly after 5:30 for New York, their first stop being ABC Studios.

The students were in attendance for the Monday live taping of the ABC television show LIVE With Regis airing at 9:00 a.m. They were treated to seats in the first few rows of the studio.

What surprised many of the students was the fact that the studio, which looks very spacious on television, is in fact quite small. Regis guest host on Monday was actor Alec Baldwin. He was well received with the studio audience as he came across as extremely warm and funny. The two hosts seemed to work well with each. Alec Baldwin was in especially good spirits as he had just won $250,000 on the celebrity episode of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?"

Footage from his winning episode was shown to the delight of the studio audience. Actress Patricia Arquette was the guest of the day. Arquette is currently starring in the Adam Sandler movie "Little Nicky." The show also included the first segment of this weeks special series Emergency Makeover. During the commercial breaks, Regis and Baldwin would step out into the audience and engage in conversation with an eager crowd.

Following the show, Regis signed autographs and posed for several photographs with many of his fans.

After the taping, students had several hours of free time and many of them utilized this time for shopping and sightseeing. At 2:00 in the afternoon, the group visited NBC Studios and received a tour of the studio. The tour was approximately one hour and fifteen minutes. Students were first given a history of the studio and how it began. Two tour guides then ushered the group into Conan O'Brian's studio where he does his nightly talk show. They were given information on the show, how it began and several interesting tidbits about Conan himself. The next stop was Rosie O'Donnell's studio. In both studios, students were surprised to find the temperature drop approximately 20 degrees from the rest of the building.

They learned it was due to all of the lighting and makeup on the guests. Next, the group headed to the Saturday Night Live studio which consisted of four separate stages.

In all of the studios, students were given background information on the show and its stars. All three of the studios visited were a great deal smaller than they appear on television. Some of the tricks of how the camera men and women make them look larger and more spacious were explained. The students were then ushered into a room with a green screen. Here, they learned how the weather reports are done.

A volunteer demonstrated how the report is done, not in front of a map of the country, but instead in front of a blank green screen.

The tour concluded with a movie on NBC. The theater was set up with an IMAX theater feel as the screen was a wrap-around screen and there were 30 speakers in the theater. The tour emptied out into the NBC Studios store and candy shop. Students were given the option of participating in their own video. They were able to talk with Conan O'Brian or do the weather with Al Roker.

Bruce Gover Jr./Business Briefing

Markets in a frenzy over election uncertainty

Monday, Hewlett-Packard announced that it would fail to meet analysts' estimates for its fiscal fourth quarter. The computer makers' announcement sparked a technology sell-off that caused the Nasdaq to reach its low for the year at one point Monday afternoon. After its announcement, Hewlett-Packard lost $5.44 per share and closed the session at $33.69. However, the technology-heavy Nasdaq recovered from its earlier lows and finished down only 62.27 points to close at 2966.72. Nearly 2,600 stocks lost value Monday on the Nasdaq index while only 1,354 gained points. The Dow Jones industrial average also suffered from Hewlett-Packard's announcement as many investors sold off many of their blue-chip holdings. Early last week many investors bought a lot of blue chip stocks in anticipation of George Bush winning the presidential race. Much of those stocks were sold off on Monday. The Dow fell 84.56 points to 10518.39; 1,723 stocks fell on Monday while only 1,119 stocks went up.

It appears that because the presidential election is still too close to call, many investors have taken their money off the table for the time being.

The current uncertainty as to who will be the next president scares investors. It appears that most of Wall Street's players are pulling for George W. Bush to win not because they think he would be a better leader, but instead because of his promise to cut taxes.

Bush proposes to use the $2.17 trillion non-Social Security surplus to help implement a $1.3 trillion tax cut. Al Gore plans to spread out the $2.17 trillion surplus to Medicare and domestic programs while proposing only a $480 billion tax cut.

Many experts believe that Bush's tax cut will lead to better markets because the tax cut will free up a significant amount of money for the public to spend.

The automotive, oil and gas, utilities and pharmaceutical industries were all pulling for Bush to win; unions, and the entertainment industries favored Gore.

Many experts believe that potential buyers are waiting to see the election results before they put their investment plans into action. A federal court judge rejected Bush's request to block a manual recount of votes in four Florida counties. However, the Bush campaign is expected to appeal the ruling. Much to Gore's dismay, Florida's secretary of state ruled that all recounts must be completed by Tuesday afternoon.

In merger news, diversified manufacturer Tyco International Inc. is buying Lucent Power Systems for $2.5 billion. Lucent Power systems is a unit of telecom equipment provider Lucent Technologies. This particular division of Lucent provides energy solutions and power products for the telecommunications and computer industries.

Enrollment determines budget, underscoring enrollment targets

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College officials considered themselves lucky because there were more students abroad, decreasing operating costs, and with some number crunching (including cutbacks on printing and travel), they were able to make ends meet.

"The promise I made to myself was that as long as I was Director of Admission, I was not going to let that happen again," said Dean Chris Hooker-Haring.

He said that it is "more painful" to enroll fewer than the target than to overshoot enrollment, as happened last year.

A higher enrollment is less of a problem, Dyer and Hooker-Haring said.

According to Dyer, the College first searches for beds for the additional students and also said that Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch has been given "free reign" to hire more faculty to avoid increasing class sizes or tuition.

Last year, when the College set enrollment goals, it looked for a lower enrollment, and risked the associated consequences, to curb the increasing number of students on campus.

Despite all their efforts, however, the class came in at an extraordinary 583 students, well above the 525 target they had set.

> *"We're not sitting here being careless about the size of the College."*
> Chris Hooker-Haring,
> Dean of Admission

The primary reason is that the admission yield (the number of students who accept the College's offer of admission) went from 30 percent to 37 percent in one year.

This year, admissions officers will look at the yield warily. Hooker-Haring said that the yield is "clearly something of a moving target," and that it is difficult to predict whether that yield will keep up.

"Do we really believe that new yield will hold up?" he mused, offering no concrete answer. "Are we willing to bust the budget on that new yield?"

His answers are elusive, but he has some hints.

There already has been an increase of 53 percent in early decision applications over last year, which was accepted at the time to be an extraordinary year.

There has been a 14 percent increase in total student traffic in the admissions office, which includes tours, interviews and group 'information sessions.'

"You put all that together and you say, 'You know, it looks like another strong year at Muhlenberg,'" Hooker-Haring said.

That seems to be what people have been saying for quite a few years.

Hooker-Haring credited that to a shift in the "market position relative to our competition."

In 1992, the 18-year-old population was at a trough, necessarily cutting the supply of customers (students) of colleges and universities.

Hooker-Haring said that at that time, College President Arthur Taylor wanted to overcome that potential downfall with increased visibility in the national marketplace with a "more methodical and studied approach."

"Muhlenberg enjoys significantly more visibility today than it did in 1992," Hooker-Haring said, crediting Taylor with a large portion of the fund-raising and national marketing efforts.

When the 18-year-old population recovered in the last few years, Hooker-Haring said that about 200 colleges and universities were "getting more than their fair share" of that increase and that the College is one of those.

The market position, national visibility and increasing visitors' traffic pleases Hooker-Haring and the admissions team.

But it doesn't please all students, especially those who are concerned that the College's expansion will eventually erode the liberal-arts qualities for which many students came here.

"I'm not convinced that Muhlenberg as a college of 2,000 is significantly different from Muhlenberg as a college of 1,800," Hooker-Haring said. "I understand that in the student union, a dining hall might feel much more crowded than it did four years ago."

But he said that the College has worked hard to maintain the "same caliber of experience" as it grows.

"We're not sitting here being careless about the size of the college," Hooker-Haring said.

Mixed views as College moves to alleviate parking

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known how many spaces will have to go due to the renovations of the other two buildings. What has been determined, though, is that the two new residence buildings will hold a total of one hundred and forty people, seventy two students in one and sixty eight in the other.

Therefore, extra space will be needed to accommodate these students, so more parking is going to be a necessity. The school also plans to take away a total of six parking spaces on Chew St.

They include one spot on either side of Fraternity Drive, one spot on either side of the exit of the front circle, and one spot on either side of the entrance to the Prosser lot.

Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety explained, "The line of sight would be better for people pulling into traffic."

Students and faculty have repeatedly complained about the "blind spots" that cause them to sometimes dart their cars into traffic without knowing if a motorist is coming their way.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations explained that much thought went into the decision of where to build the lot.

"The committee is very conscious of preserving the landscape of the college. One of the main reasons students are drawn to Muhlenberg is because of the beauty of the campus."

After much thought and consideration, the committee decided that the volleyball court was the best location.

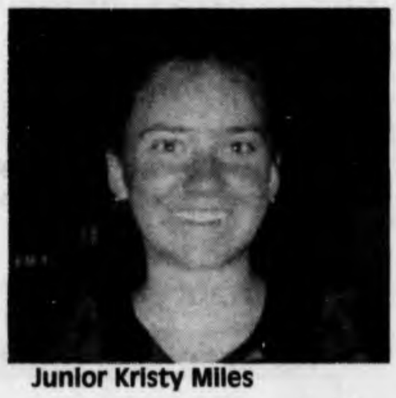
They feel the lot will serve a much-needed purpose without destroying the picturesque image of the College.

The members of the planning committee for the future parking lot recognize that some people may be unhappy with the destruction of the volleyball court.

Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, has already begun searching the campus for a possible location.

Last year, the College build 19 spaces behind the C.A., dedicated to faculty and staff. This semester, it added 13 spaces, moving the faculty lot to that block and opening the 19 spaces for students.

Around Campus



Junior Kristy Miles

"I hope they don't ruin the natural look of campus. Although I recognize the need for parking, we have so many buildings already."

Junior Jon DeFrain

"I think there's a definite need for more parking. Once they have the parking lot, the parking registration policy should be more closely enforced."

Sophomore Molly Wilson

"It will encourage more people to have cars, which could lead to problems. But it will decrease the chaos and near hit-and-runs that come from so many people trying to park on Chew Street."

Freshman Becca Oller

"Being a freshman, I'm in favor of a parking lot being built because I'd like to have my car on campus. But, I don't think I would feel the same way if I was an upperclassman."

Candlelight ceremony on eve of execution

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tence.

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge is planning to sign a new death warrant once the current stay is lifted. (Prisoners cannot be executed without the signed approval of the particular state's governor.)

Despite a small opposition protest in which five students sat quietly holding Bush-Cheney signs, Grove felt that the vigil was a success. This was based on fact that many members of the Muhlenberg community received the pamphlets, which were being distributed at the vigil.

Though Grove admitted she did not know what to expect, things clearly worked out for the best. Attention was drawn to the cause and the execution did not occur.

Also present at the demonstration was a group of students who were staging a 'sit-in' demonstration on the side.

The group claimed to be pro-death penalty and was there to gather information and to register support for the death penalty with Bush-Cheney posters.

BUSH
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PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

A side demonstration at the candle ceremony.

Campus Safety Notes

Nov. 7—Harassment—Two students were referred to the Dean's office.

Nov. 7—Check Welfare—Sick student; did not require transport to hospital.

Nov.7—Unsecure Area—A screen was missing from the East Hall basement windows.

Nov. 8—Vandalism—Branches were taken off two bushes by the East Hall fire lane.

Nov. 8—Harassment—Student-on-student. Offender was referred to Dean.

Nov. 9—Unsecure Area—Front door was unlocked at 2245 Liberty St.

Nov. 9—Theft—A plastic trash container was stolen from Walz and was recovered in the 2600 block of Gordon St.

Nov. 9—Theft—A Schwinn stationary bike was stolen from the wrestling room.

Nov. 9—Vandalism—The guest registration box was stolen off the M.L. north door.

Nov. 9—Check Welfare—Sick student; did not require transport to hospital.

Nov. 10—Controlled Substance—One student went to the judicial board for possession of a controlled substance and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nov. 10—Check Welfare—A student was involved in an argument; did not require assistance after Campus Safety was called.

Nov. 10—Fire Alarm—Prosser; unknown cause.

Nov. 10—Failure to Evacuate—Student claims not to have heard fire alarm, though Campus Safety said there was a fire alarm right outside that person's door.

Nov. 10—Malicious Mischief—Someone vandalized a chair in the Prosser computer lab.

Nov. 9—Injured Employee—Wrist injury from a fall.

Nov. 10—Alcohol Violation—In Benfer; 5 students and one non-student were referred to dean.

Nov. 10—Alcohol Violation—In Benfer; 5 students were referred to the Dean.

Nov. 11—Alcohol Violation—In M.L.; 2 students were referred to the dean.

Nov. 11—Vandalism—Five Muhlenberg flags were stolen from the front drive.

Nov. 11—Sexual Assault—A student reported an indecent assault in a residence hall. The suspect is another student and has been placed on interim suspension until a judicial board hearing.

Nov. 11—Codes Violation—Smoking in an East Hall room.

Nov. 13—Vandalism—Someone sprayed shaving cream and pasted pictures on a door in Walz Hall.

Nov. 13—Theft from Vehicle—A rear window was broken in an attempt to steal the stereo from a car in the 23rd St. parking lot.

Nov. 13—Theft—A College laptop computer was stolen from Ettinger.

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A free shuttle service to and from the Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown Bus Terminal (3rd & Hamilton Streets), and the Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal (Wescosville) will be provided on Wednesday, November 22 and Sunday, November 26 to accommodate those traveling for Thanksgiving break. The scheduled times are as follows:

Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal

Departs Center for the Arts on Wednesday, November 22: 10:00 a.m., 11:30, 1:00 p.m., 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
Departs Charcoal Drive-In on Sunday, November 26: 3:55 p.m., 5:25, 6:55, 8:25, 9:55

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Weekly life

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- Which is the best diner?
- Jill Scott's new album
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MTA members shine in recent performances

By Rebekka Schnell and Michael Goldsmith
Assistant Life Editor and Associate Editor

"Only Kidding"

Only Kidding was performed this past weekend in the Black Box. Starring Eliot Gerard, Eddie Honan and Matt Micucci, the show was very tight and well thought out. Honan and Micucci play a comedy team performing in a mediocre club. The relationship between the two was that of best friends. Even though their characters are very different, they take care of each other.

Gerard is in the middle of this best friendship. He plays the wannabe manager of the comedy team. He brings the two a chance to be on The Buddy King Show providing they sign his contract.

Being on The Buddy King Show would be a dream come true, but Micucci's character, Tom, feels the price is too high.

This show was a glimpse in the lifestyle of a pair of entertainers. It focused on their struggle to achieve their lifelong dream.

Cabaret Night

Students left the Red Door thrilled with the many performances seen at the student run "Cabaret Night" this past weekend. Director Brian Cordeiro '03 prepared a plethora of theatrical performances including MTA performers, students, and also the stage manager. Following a successful Cabaret night last year, Cordeiro and musical accompanist Joshua Salzman '02 held auditions at the beginning of the semester to get a variety of performers to follow the themes of this year's production. The late night cabaret started with an audition theme with musical selections from A Chorus Line and other relevant music. MTA stage manager Liz Jurist performed proving to the audience and her ensemble why she was a stage manager rather than a performer – most notably the use of her singing voice. The audience was overwhelmed with the "Cellblock Tango" performed by Aileen Chumard '01, Cheryl Galaga '01, Jennifer Lifson '01, Tressa McCallister '01, Rachel Shapiro '01, and Erez Shek '03. This was performed with alterations to the lyrics with respect and ridicule to a few faculty members of the College. The evening culminating with a spectacular Italian wedding including many notables of the MTA.

Photo by Jed Baker

Students perform in MTA's Caberet Night on Saturday night. The show lasted over an hour and a half.

Over the course of the evening the ensemble did not only bring smiles to the audience, but also to each other. "This was an opportunity for each person to shine," said Cordeiro. Many students and

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Endless possibilities for this weekend...

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

As Thanksgiving break draws closer, many students will be participating in campus-wide performances. Here's a look at some of the many options students have to do this weekend:

Student Dance Show

There will be a variety of dances and themes displayed in the dance department's student show playing Thursday through Sunday. The show is both created and performed by students. Here's a brief look at the types of pieces that will be performed this weekend.

The ballet is "Sleeping Beauty," and is choreographed by Alison Clabaugh '02 and Kristen Goldrick '03. It is primarily composed of numerous solo dances en pointe illustrating different scenes in the story.

Julie Danton '03 choreographed a modern piece, "Ophelia," which is an expansion of the character in Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

Andy Kent '01 created a modern dance piece named "Amen," which is a reflection on religion and the Holocaust.

Jenny Lifson '01 focuses more on slapstick, as it is a humor piece.

Christina Spring '03 and Bree Troise '03 bring to the show a lyrical piece, which combines jazz, ballet, and modern dances. They portray a story of lost love, which is accentuated with lifts and balletic movement.

Emily Eger '02 contributes a piece which questions the purpose of the warring and provides a historical account of the crusades.

Jesse Wasilewski '02 brings two works, one modern and one tap. The modern piece uses masks, contributing to an eerie tone.

Melissa Borgstede '03 and Lisa DeCotiis '03 choreographed and performed a jazz piece composed of soft movements.

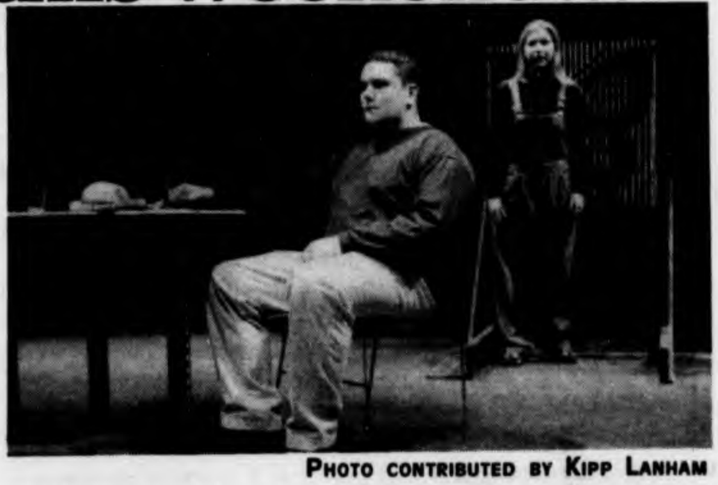

Photo contributed by Kipp Lanham

Matt Moore '04 and Charlotte McIvon rehearse for one of this weekend's black box performances.

Tickets for the student dance performance can be bought at the box office for $5.

Black boxes

The MTA continues the tradition of black boxes with two

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Been there, done that...

November 14, 2000

Students participated in "A Night of Cultural Diversity." There was dancing, singing, poetry reading, and music playing.

Coming up...

November 17, 2000

The bands Pull 130, Hidden in Plain View, and El Second Hand, will be playing at 11 p.m. in the Red Door.

November 17-18, 2000

The annual Scotty Wood Tournament will be held in Memorial Hall. Both the men's and women's basketball teams will be participating.

November 18, 2000

The band Mercy Creek will be playing in the Red Door at 10:30 p.m.

November 21-22, 2000

The Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding will be sponsoring a "Holocaust Curriculum Enrichment" in Empie Theatre. This will include a viewing of the Stephen Spielberg video, "The Lost Children," a discussion with first and second generation Holocaust survivors, and finally an interactive discussion with students from various area middle schools. The program will be coordinated and run by Muhlenberg students, the Anti-Bias society, faculty members, and various community members.

November 22-26, 2000

Thanksgiving recess will begin at the conclusion of classes. Classes resume Mon.

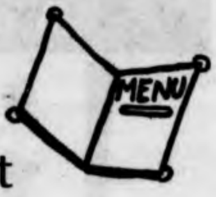
A Break in the Bubble...

On Tuesday, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris announced that George W. Bush leads Al Gore by 300 votes.

Reviewed by
Emily Gewitz and
David M. Sobtokin

A trip to the diner

After visiting 4 diners, Tom Sawyer came out on top



Ham Fam is quality

If "clean" and "normal" comes into your equation for a great diner, then Ham Fam probably is not your place. However, if cozy, friendly and inexpensive is – then you have found your home. Abound with metal and hardcore kids, and more often than not transvestite, Ham Fam provides a near-by haven for the caffeine addict who may sit for hours enjoying the pleasures of constant free refills, where regulars are on a first-name basis, and ordering "the usual" is commonplace. If at all possible, or with luck, you get Barb as your waitress, you're in for a treat – she is one great person.

Coffee: Consistently good coffee, consistently refilled free of charge, consistently 70 cents.

Eggs: Some inconsistency with eggs, sometimes a little overdone, sometimes underdone – hit or miss.

Misc.: Among the best hash browns in the Lehigh Valley. Unlike the other diners whose hash browns mainly consist of undercooked potatoes, Ham Fam's are mainly crispy goodness.

City View's for parents

The polar opposite of Ham Fam. If hospital-like is your thing, you have your place. This establishment tries to be classy; however, fails miserably. Probably the best food of the four diners reviewed for "real food" – such as burgers, sandwiches, etc. However, for us college students, we rarely eat real food. I would reserve City View for Parents' Weekend, but for all everyday college student purposes, probably not the right choice.

Coffee: Fairly good, not that much different from anywhere else, save the fact that there is only one free refill.

Muffin: Mediocre. Decent on the outside, dry on the inside.

Eggs: Not bad, but nothing they should be bragging about.

Misc.: Personally, I prefer to resume hospital lighting for strictly operating.

Tom Sawyer: excellent

Excellent in many ways, save for the lack of people. Truckers are welcome in this joint, which only adds to it charming side-of-the-road atmosphere. After sitting down on oddly uncomfortable booth seats, we were provided with superior food at palatable prices. Coffee was included in the price of both the muffin and the eggs—need I say more? Provided with music of our own free will, we took advantage and listened to "Tequila." This diner has a carefree, youthful spirit, much like its Mark Twain namesake. Truly enjoyable, and they get extra points for their superb neon sign.

Coffee: Quite good and always refilled by our wonderful waitress.

Muffin: Much softer than that of previous diners, this blueberry muffin was crunchy on the outside and warm and soft on the inside. Delectable blueberries.

Eggs: Easily the best of the four diners, they came complete with coffee and toast.

Misc.: Great overall atmosphere with plants and truckers abound, but the seats were a bit uncomfortable.

Trivet is 'trocious

The first world that comes to mind is appalling. The atmosphere is lovely, the service speedy – but you don't want the food when it comes. Around dinner-time, Trivet was filled with upper-scale customers, including elders and families. We were the only students in the entire diner, which made me feel like we had been transported to early bird special mealtime. Restricted in speech, restricted in choice of music, the Trivet is not the sort of place you would go for munchies and vulgar conversation, which is a core aspect of the diner experience.

Coffee: presented in decorative mugs, was pretty good.

Muffin: in line of other diners of ill-repute, was tough on the outside and dry on the inside. The blueberries lacked flavor.

Eggs: the omelette, though it looked good on the plate, was nothing short of mediocre, supplemented by a side of undercooked hash browns.

Coffee, eggs and a muffin... 4 diners at a glance

Tom Sawyer 4441 Hamilton Blvd.	Ham Fam 2027 Hamilton Blvd.	City View MacArthur Rd. and Grape Street	Trivet 4549 Tilghman Blvd.
Coffee: (included with meal) Eggs: $2.25 Muffin: $1.00 Hash browns: $1.15	Coffee: $.70 Eggs: $2.60 Muffin: $.95 Hash browns: $1.10	Coffee: $.75 Eggs: $2.55 Muffin: $1.50 Hash browns: $1.85	Coffee: $.75 Eggs: $1.95 (omelette) Muffin: $1.10 Hash browns: $1.10
Tom Sawyer Diner		City View Diner	

A look at... Jill Scott's album

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Staff Writer

When north Philly soul sista, Jill Scott, asks "Do you want it on your biscuits?" she's not talking about butter, she's speaking of love. On her memorable debut, *Who is Jill Scott?: Words and Sounds Vol. 1*, Jill Scott addresses all aspects, good and bad, concerning love. Her love of friends, family, lovers, and most of all music, makes *Who is Jill Scott?* one flavorful record.

Some might know Jill Scott from her work with the Philadelphia hip hop group, The Roots. She was responsible for the passionate hook on the Root's "You Got Me," and was originally supposed to sing it before MCA thought that it would be more profitable to feature Erykah Badu on the track.

She more than proves herelf, though, on her debut as a poet and as a songstress. Her voice is honest and raw. She shines on the seventies influenced, "The Way," crooning, "Is it the way you love me baby?" in a such a passionate manner that the listener has no choice but to share in her rejoice. On the Latin flavored, "One is the Magic Number," she tackles her spirituality with such confidence seldom heard on an artists debut. The standout on the record, though, is the funked out [horn section and all] "It's Love." On this track, Scott forgets about all the shortcomings, vulnerability, and disappointments that one faces in love and just celebrates the universal excitement of the raw emotion.

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Jill Scott recently released her "inspiring" debut album.

Jill Scott's crew, the Soulquarians, heavily influence the sound of her debut album. The Soulquarians feature Jay Dee of Slum Villiage, ?uestlove, drummer for The Roots, and the legendary jazz trumpeter, Roy Hargroves. The Soulquarians are responsible for the thick bass, insistent rhythm, and sparkling Rhodes keyboards mixes of D'angelo and Common's latest records. This formula is especially heard on Scott's first single, "Getting In the Way." While the Soulquarains themselves are not featured on Scott's debut, their sound is becoming a Philadelphia trademark.

Jill Scott is a remarkable lyricist, vocalist and musician. Her songs are peppered with personal recollections and tasteful choices that prevent her debut from ever becoming repetitive or boring.

On *Who Is Jill Scott? : Words and Sounds Vol. 1*, Scott shows off her love. Her love is of music and this love makes her debut so strong and so passionate that it inspires a listener to find their love. What else could one want other than a little inspiration?

Student productions held this weekend

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performances this weekend. "Hills like white elephants," directed by Kipp Lanham '03, will be performed in the Black Box theater at 10 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. The cast of four actors have been preparing for the show since September.

"I hope that this show will bring awareness to the consequences of college students having casual sex," Lanham said. The show is based on one of Ernest Hemingway's short stories.

The other black box this weekend is titled "Theory of total blame," and is directed by Sal Cannady '01. It will be performed in the black box theater at 11 p.m. after Lanham's show.

Musical guests

Music groups including Muhlenberg students will be playing in the Red Door this Friday beginning at 11 p.m. Hidden in Plain View will open the performance, followed by Pull 130, and El Second hand will finish the show.

MTA blackboxes performed

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performances included many inside jokes among many of the MTA participants, which were understood by most students in the audience. The most shocking fact was the lack of rehaearsals that included the entire ensemble. With many students in the ensemble participating in A Midsummer Night's Dream and Little Shop of Horrors, the students had only one week to rehearse for the two nights of cabaret.

"The ensemble consists of many individual performances working as one," said Cordeiro.

life movie listings

November 10-12

AMC Tilghman

Meet the Parents
Fri.—4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sat.—1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10; Sun.—1:20, 4:20, 8:10

The Grinch
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sat.—12:00, 2:00, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sun.—12:00, 2:00, 4:40, 8:20

Charlie's Angels
Fri.—5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-2:15, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun - 2:15, 5:00, 8:15

Remember the Titans
Fri.—4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.—1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.—1:30, 4:30, 8:10

Little Nicky
Fri—4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sat.—1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sun.—1:40, 4:40, 7:50

Legend of Bagger Vance
Fri.—4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sat.—1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00; Sun.—1:00, 4:00, 8:00

Men of Honor
Fri.- 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.- 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.- 1:10, 4:10, 8:00

Red Planet
Fri.- 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.- 1:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sun. 1:00, 4:50, 7:50

Poetry Corner

Anticipation

I can feel you near
My heart beats faster
Awaiting first sight of you
Like sunlight hitting rain
Or snow touching down upon a warm
surface
We embrace

Like no one is around
We enter our own world
There is but one sound
Of two beating hearts
One sweet scent, like rain
Everything surrounding us shines
Reflecting from your radiance

Sadness falls upon us
Removing ourselves from our [illegible]
[illegible]
And [illegible] the swelling of our [illegible]

Our eyes meet
The sadness [illegible]
Faster
Than its arrival
We smile and without worry
Step back into our world

Contributed by Dave Fischer

Bagel bombs at GQ
Movie at the Red Door
Waiting for a "wild" frat party...

What are you doing this weekend?

The 19th annual Scotty Wood
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Scotty Wood
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A Hair-raising event for WMUH

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

It was all about the hair on Tuesday afternoon, as over 60 students, faculty members, and administrators participated in the WMUH-sponsored hair-cut-athon. Five hairdressers from Holiday Haircutters and Main Event worked for WMUH for 4 hours in the lobby of Seeger's Union.

"It was great to see people come out and support WMUH," business director of the radio station, Jessie Pepper '01 said.

Overall, the response was similar to last year, but seemed to envoke more listeners this year.

"A lot more people commented on listening to the station," program director Johanna Dunkel '01-said. "It was nice to know they were there to support the station."

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Musical Group Mercy Creek (10:30-12:30)

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

♈ **Aries** 3/21 - 4/19
You can make an impact on any situation and should make a concerted effort to bring order to any chaos that you encounter. Confusion will reign if you try to make sense out of the problems facing you at an emotional level.

♉ **Taurus** 4/20 - 5/20
Don't let someone charm you into following his philosophies. You must come up with your own beliefs, not follow somebody else's. Remain true to yourself.

♊ **Gemini** 5/21 - 6/21
You need to spend time working on the things you enjoy doing. Be a little selfish and don't feel guilty about it. Sometimes you need a night to yourself, even if it's at the expense of a night out.

♋ **Cancer** 6/22 - 7/22
Try not to blow situations out of proportion concerning personal issues. Your partner may not be completely honest with you. Take your time deciding what to do about the situation. Consider the possibility that your nagging may be the reason for the problem.

♌ **Leo** 7/23 - 8/22
Your unique handling of problems enables you to pull something positive out of any situation you face. You need to spend time with friends who may be potential mates. Your high energy must be put to good use.

♍ **Virgo** 8/23 - 9/22
False beliefs could easily lead to disappointment. Uncertainties could lead to difficulties. You must be cautious when talking to competitive people. They may want to twist your words. First, discuss your intentions with those knowledgeable.

♎ **Libra** 9/23 - 10/22
You will often throw caution to the wind and jump into whatever intrigues you. Your strength of character and diplomacy in dealing with others will help you achieve your goals as well as the recognition you desire.

♏ **Scorpio** 10/23 - 11/21
Educational pursuits will be informative and entertaining as well as introduce you to new acquaintances. You'll be surprised at how willing others are to help out. You can make major gains if you talk to the right people.

♐ **Sagittarius** 11/22-12/21
You will feel emotionally up and down. Don't take things the wrong way. Your tendency to be sentimental will leave you feeling quite silly later on. Don't be afraid to ask friends for assistance.

♑ **Capricorn** 12/22 - 1/19
You will meet people with similar interests. You are best to do your own thing and avoid confrontations. Concentrate on moneymaking opportunities but don't be too eager to spend your own cash.

♒ **Aquarius** 1/20 - 2/18
This week's scenario is highlighted by your ability to freely follow whatever path beckons you. You'll be able to get ahead in the beginning of the week, if you are willing to contact those in a position to help.

♓ **Pisces** 2/19 3/20
Utilize your natural sense of humor to help yourself to see things from a different perspective. Look for humor everywhere, especially in those who are closest to you.

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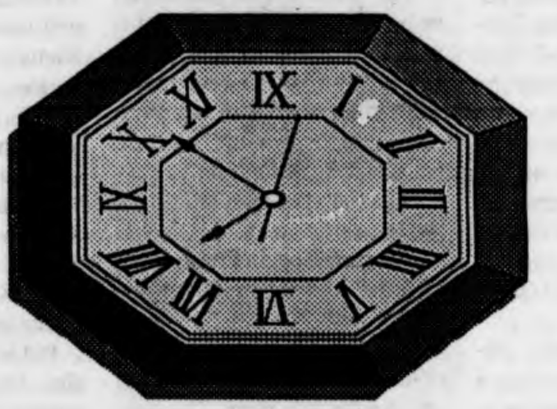

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Preview: Scotty Wood Tournament

Strong women's squad 'playing to prepare' for season

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

As the Women's Basketball season tips off tomorrow against Washington & Jefferson, the Mules begin to defend not only their Scotty Wood Tournament title, but their Centennial Conference East title as well.

In November 1999, the Mules captured their second Scotty Wood Tournament title over cross-town rival Moravian. This victory propelled the team into the regular season where they finished with an overall record of 16-10 and were Centennial Conference East champions for the fifth consecutive time.

> *"It won't just be one, two, or three players who help the team. All fifteen players will influence and impact this team."*
>
> Coach Tammy Smith

The Mules tip off tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. against Washington & Jefferson in Memorial Hall. They will be participating in just the seventh annual Scotty Wood Tournament as the tournament was only expanded in 1993 to include women. The proceeds from the tournament go to fund basketball team trips to major tournaments in the United States and in Europe. Last year, the Mules traveled to Las Vegas over winter break. This year they will be staying closer to home going to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. However, next summer the team plans to travel to France.

Even though the Mules do not start their Conference season until December, head coach Tammy Smith believes the tournament and non-conference schedule of the Mules will help them to prepare for the toughness of the Centennial Conference East.

She said, "We are playing good teams that have been to the NCAA's before. We're playing to prepare." Smith spoke of the competition in the East division and looked ahead to the Conference schedule saying, "We hope to win the East again this year. We will focus our energy down the line later, but right now, we're concentrating on the immediate games."

In February last year, the Mules took control of the Centennial Conference East Division by defeating Johns Hopkins at a time when the Blue Jays were ranked eleventh in the nation in Division III. The Mules finished with a record of 10-3 in the Centennial Conference overall and earned their fifth consecutive appearance in the Conference Championship game.

Other highlights of the '99-'00 season included winning a school record eleven games at home. The Mules also set school records by holding their opponents to a field-goal percentage of just .338 and recording 27 assists against Bryn Mawr.

The Mules look to continue their recent success this year as they return ten letter winners from last year's squad. They should be very strong offensively as Jenn Risley and Lindsay St. Lawrence both return as juniors. Risley led the team last year in scoring averaging 11.2 points per game while St. Lawrence was second for the Mules in scoring and added 39 three-pointers throughout the year. St. Lawrence also led the Mules in assists and steals. Risley's .528 shooting percentage led the Centennial Conference and both she and St. Lawrence earned second-team all Centennial Conference honors. Senior Jessica Drennan will also be returning for the Mules after missing much of last season with an injury. At the time of her injury however, she was leading the Mules in several offensive categories. Smith noted, however, that each player had the capacity to help the team.

She said, "We have a lot of players with the same amount of talent. It won't just be one, two, or three players who help the team. All fifteen players will influence and impact this team."

The Mules start their regular season at Elmira on Nov. 21 and open up at home against Moravian on Nov. 30.

Experienced men's team looks to take 6th title in 7 years

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

The 2001 men's basketball season heads to the court this weekend as the annual Scotty Wood Tournament gets underway Friday night, Nov. 17. With an experienced team, Muhlenberg is looking to capture its sixth tournament title in the last seven years.

The games begin Friday night at 6:00 p.m. when Allentown squares off against Salisbury State. At 8:00 p.m., the Mules open their season against visiting Wentworth Tech. The consolation game will be held Saturday at 3:00, while the winners will do battle in the championship game scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

The Tip-Off Tournament began at Muhlenberg in 1982 and is named for M.W. "Scotty" Wood, the retired President of the Wood food service company. Past proceeds of the tournament have helped pay for the teams' journeys to Europe, Florida, and California, as well as for funding of a new sound system for the Mules home court in Memorial Hall. The tournament's weekend festivities include ceremonies, receptions, halftime festivities, and both the men and women's tournaments.

The Mules enter the tournament looking to carry forward the momentum of past success created by Head Coach Dave Madeira. As the men's basketball coach for the last 13 seasons, Madeira is the winningest coach in Muhlenberg Basketball history with 198 total wins. The program has enjoyed much success, including a streak of 18 consecutive seasons with ten or more wins, and 8 straight seasons in which the team has qualified for postseason play.

> *This year's team focuses again on the strength of its defense...it will need to be strong if the Mules are to retain their title.*

The Mules are looking to continue the success of last year when the team went 16-9 overall, including a 9-4 conference record, allowing them to capture the Centennial Conference East Championship for the third year in a row. Over the last four years, the Mules have won 15 or more games.

This year's team focuses yet again on the strength of its defense which held ten consecutive opponents under 70 points last season. Additionally, the team's defensive field goal percentage of .384 was ranked tenth of all Division III schools. The defense will need to be strong against Eastern Conference rivals Washington, Ursinus, Swarthmore, and Haverford if the Mules are to retain their title. Additionally, they look for revenge against Western Conference rival Johns Hopkins, the team that eliminated the Mules from the Centennial Conference Playoffs only a year ago.

But before conference play begins, Muhlenberg is looking for early season success during the Scotty Wood Tournament. This year's team is one of substantial youth, for the team has no seniors and is bringing in ten freshmen.

The team will look to Junior Mark Lesko to provide the leadership for this season's squad. Last season, Lesko led the team in scoring (13.9 points per game), rebounding (9.1), and in blocked shots (53). He was also a First-Team All-Centennial Conference selection. Joining him is the returning backcourt combination of Junior Michael Barletta and Sophomore Anthony Strachan. Barletta brings 7.4. ppg and 62 assists to the team while Strachan returns with averages of 5.7 ppg and an equal 62 assists. The team also counts on returning sophomore centers Aaron Holden and John Strom for an inside presence, as well as to significant contributions from Toomey Anderson and Michael Rossmell. Additional offensive sparks look to come from Juniors John-Paul Pawlowski and Bill Cwieka. However, the team will be without the services of Raushan Person and Josh Carter, who are both still play football as they continue their run into the ECAC playoffs.

With their strong defensive pressure combined with several key offensive threats, the Mules look to make another run at this year's Centennial Conference title, beginning with the Scotty Wood Tournament this weekend.

Wrestling team places third at King's Monarch Invitational

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

In their second tournament of the season, the wrestling team came in third place out of an eleven-team field at the King's Monarch Invitational. The Mules finished with a score of 126.5, behind York and King's, who came in first and second place respectively. Although the Mules could not pass the top two teams, they did finish ahead of Centennial Conference foes Ursinus, Western Maryland, and Swarthmore. Two of these teams, Western Maryland and Ursinus, finished above Muhlenberg in the final conference standings a year ago.

The Mules gave a total "team effort. Everybody contributed for team points," says Junior co-captain Bill Holsinger.

For the second straight week, senior Jason McLean had a great performance. Coming off an opening performance in which he had a major decision and a pin, he led the Mules. Of all the wrestlers who participated in this meet, McLean (141 pounds) came the closest to winning his weight class. He began the day with three straight victories over wrestlers from Washington & Jefferson, Ursinus, and York, which put him in the final match of his weight class. Most notable in his wins was a victory over Josh Moyer of Ursinus, the two-time winner of the Outstanding Player award in the Centennial Conference. McLean easily defeated Moyer 9-2. He won three matches before falling in the final to Jim Morgan of King's 7-4.

Holsinger (149) who went 27-11 for the Mules in 1999, took a third place finish at the Invitational, and won the consolation bracket in his weight class. He had four wins on the day, with his only loss coming to Yorks' Doug Maritato, the fifth ranked wrestler in the 149-pound weight class. Sophomores Nate Yeasted (133) and Joe Salerno (165) also had third place finishes with victories in their consolation matches. Freshman Shawn Zeplin placed fourth. Other wrestlers who won matches were Seniors John Slokovitz and Dan Ochoa, Junior David Jenning and Freshmen David Brown and Evan Wright.

The wrestlers have their third tournament of the season on Nov. 18 at Oneonta State's Red Dragon Invitational. Holsinger believes that as long as the Mules go injury free, they will be "pretty tough" for their foes in every tournament they participate in this season.

Profile of a Mule

Player of the Year Desiderio gives credit where it's due: to the team

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor

You are unlikely to hear the Mules' center midfielder, Alissa Desiderio, bragging about the latest accomplishment she had in women's soccer. Time spent with Desiderio proves her to be a rather humble player, who attributes much of her success and recognition to not herself, but to the team. Desiderio began playing in third grade and continued to form and perfect her soccer skills. Some of her greatest influences were her older brother and sister.

She said that her high school soccer team "did really well; we were 26-0 and ranked number one in the nation." Her abilities as a player were tested and strengthened during this time, as her team found a sense of accomplishment constantly as their winning streak persisted.

Coming to Muhlenberg, Desiderio found herself in an entirely new environment. The situation was somewhat more relaxed than her incessantly strenuous prior experience with soccer. The team was initially not strong, but since has gone through a period of drastic reformation.

"Every year we have been getting better since we have been able to recruit more. Girls are looking at Muhlenberg for both academics and sports, and we have been pulling in girls from excellent schools who are very talented," says Desiderio. She believes that this improved image of our institution has been able to bring in so many well-rounded soccer players that have continuously attributed greatly to the team. This year alone, 13 freshman were added to the team, who Desiderio says, "really helped out a great deal."

All of the girls' hard work is reflected in their record of 15-4-2 overall and 8-1-1 in the Centennial Conference. Most triumphantly, the team captured the Centennial Conference Champions title when they beat Ursinus 1-0 in October. After this win, they moved on to the NCAA's for the Division III Tournament. The women beat Johnson and Wales with a score of 2-1, but were defeated by The College of New Jersey, who was ranked number one in the nation.

Although Desiderio is disappointed in their loss, she also sees it as a learning experience that made the girls stronger. She said, "It just shows how much the program has grown over the years and how far we can actually go."

"Player of the Year" was a recent award attributed to Desiderio. When asked about her contribution to the program and why she felt she deserved this award, the answer was directed toward the rest of her team and not her personal feats. She did feel fortunate that she was able to "provide for the team as a player and a captain and perform well in high pressure situations." However, she thinks that the team together deserves the most recognition. "This is seen in all the awards we received such as first team, Honorable Mention, and others."

Coach Leslie Benintend and Assistant Coach Brian Kelly were also key contributors to the girls' success. "They are very smart in knowing the game of soccer. Since they both played the game themselves, they know what it takes to achieve the next level of achievement in the game. They have heart and their attitudes are reflected in our performance," explained Desiderio. She thinks that they key to the team's wonderful performance lies in the players, coaching staff, and outlook of the game rather than just in an individual player.

Desiderio is a fine arts major. Now that the soccer season is over, she plans to look toward the future with the time that she has on her hands. She will be applying to the New York School of Interior Design and will hopefully be starting this summer. She hopes to work in the city as an interior designer for places such as hotels and restaurants and eventually start a family.

Women's rugby: The *other* sport on campus

By Emily Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

It all begins with a rough chant and a dance. The day ends with a party.

Saturday, the rugby team's crowd, filling the sidelines of the Varsity field were called to attention by the ruggers:

"Muhlenberg red, Muhlenberg white.
Mess with us and we'll fight
Kick your butt in a ruck and maul
Kick your butt with a rugby ball."

Now the other team:

"Blood makes the grass grow—kill kill kill!"

"It's beyond a sport, it's a subculture," says player Nina Forsberg, one of the three seniors who has stayed with the team since freshman year. "There is so much tradition—and even though we battle it out, as soon as you're off the field you're friends."

This, to Forsberg and her teammates, is the rule of being a rugger. In the game, "anything goes," besides blatant high tackling or punching. There are many regulations, the players have high respect for the referees, and the two competitive teams sing songs that unite them after the game.

In Saturday's game the Mules held an invitational against Lafayette, which they won 12-7. The game is complicated—15 girls play at once, without substitutions (unless you "can't walk," says Forsberg). Players can ask the ref for "a minute, sir" but that's the only break you would be granted in the two 40-minute halves. To score is to "try," for five points. The Mules held Lafayette for the first half until the opponent scored—but in the second half, they held Lafayette at their line, and scored from being behind 5-7 with a try and a two-point conversion kick.

The forwards, called the "pack," scrums, rucks and mauls to get the ball to the backs. Samantha Swanson, a junior forward who is "always right there in the action," recently suffered her fourth concussion of her career. She blames these injuries on the "teams of rookies" that they play. "You have to process all of the rules so fast; if the players can't do that, they hurt themselves and others," explained Swanson. This season, she joins two other players who have received concussions and one who has a broken finger.

Girls grab each others' hair and throw themselves onto the ground—they lift up the most agile of the forward "pack" to fight for the ball in a "line out."

Senior Beth Koniers, also playing on the team since freshman year, defends the game's "animal like" behavior. "There is really a lot of respect and structure to the game—violence is really overplayed," she says. "[Rugby] gets a bad rap."

Muhlenberg's six year-old team is coached by two volunteers—it is not NCAA-sponsored because it is traditionally a club sport. This season, the 20-player team was in the playoffs of the Division III Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union, and finished the season 3-1 against St. Joseph's, Gettysburg, Albright, and Kutztown. They practice three times a week year-round, with league games in the fall and scrimmages every spring. Senior Heidi Harrington, says that American football was derived from the game of rugby. It was said to be "too rough" and the players were ordered to wear pads. But despite its lack of varsity status, the rugby players keep going—the team has to sign liability waivers just like any other, and attend Rugby Union meetings. "All we wear is a mouth guard. Because sportsmanship is valued, the only injuries happen when the rules aren't obeyed," Harrington says.

Koniers, Harrington, and Forsberg wager that the party after the game is just as important as the game itself. Once the buzzer sounds, the teams get together to teach each other rugby songs, and share "insidious pain." Koniers emphasizes that the "game is like no other. You compare black and blue marks with [the opponent]. You fight about who got the first tackle." And drinking beer (for those players 21 and over), is the "best pain killer," she says.

Harrington played other sports in high school, but until rugby, she "never knew what intensity was."

The team continues its season in the spring, and will most likely be joined by a new men's team. "The Muhlenberg tradition of rugby continues because it was established for us—our job is to continue the tradition," says Forsberg.

To sing, to fight until you win, not be afraid, and shed some blood—in the name of teamwork and the after-party.

MULE FOOTBALL

ECAC Southwest Championship Game

Muhlenberg vs. Wilkes

Saturday, November 18
12:00 p.m.

Scotty Wood Stadium
Adults $4.00 ~ Students $2.00

Come support the Mules for the final football game
Of the 2000 season, and their first playoff game
In more than 50 years!

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Sports

November 16, 2000

Football makes playoffs for first time since 1946

8-2 record gives Mules best finish since 1980 season

By Mike Billet
Sports Editor

This Saturday, the Mules (8-2) traveled to Steel Field to take on the Moravian Greyhounds (6-4). With a possibility of an ECAC playoff berth hanging in the air, the Mules won the game 45-20 to extend their season.

The Mules came out focused as on their first drive of the game, as they went 33 yards on 6 plays, culminating on a 9-yard touchdown run by freshman Matt Bernardo. Kicker Michael Dickinson successfully attempted the extra point attempt making the score 7-0.

After a second touchdown, the Greyhounds responded on their very next drive with competent passing. Quarterback Charlie Bowden completed a 22-yard pass to running back Frank Starner, setting up first and goal on the Mules' seven yard line. Running back Josh Fink ran into the end zone scoring Moravian's first touchdown of the day. The extra point attempt failed, making the score 14-6.

On the Mules' next drive, McCabe was intercepted by Moravian cornerback Doug Joseph. The Greyhounds had to punt, and the Mules once again gave the ball to Bernardo who rushed 42 yards to Moravian's one yard line. After failing to reach the end zone on first and goal, the Mules gave it to him again and he easily crossed the goal line.

On their next drive, Moravian scored their second touchdown. Bowden completed three passes for 35 yards. His last completion of the drive was a 14-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jarad Rhinehart. The two point conversion was unsuccessful.

The Mules responded immediately to the Moravian's touchdown as Carter ran back a 55-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. At halftime, the Mules led 28-12.

The third quarter was a rough one, as McCabe was picked off twice and the offense failed to capitalize on a Morabvian fumble recovered by Senior Dave Jones. Moravian, however, scored on a 36-yard Tim Barlok run and made the two point conversion, cutting the Mules' lead to eight.

The Mules responded to this touchdown by scoring one of their own. McCabe completed three crucial passes on this drive to wide receivers Mercuri, Wes Spence, and Jim DePreta, setting up the Mules on their 16-yard line. Bernado carried the ball four consecutive times for 16 yards and a touchdown, making the score 35-20.

On Moravian's next drive, Bowden was intercepted by cornerback Mike Burke on a crucial 3rd and 6. This time, the Mules converted the interception into a touchdown. Bernardo rushed into the end zone for his fourth and final touchdown of the game and Dickinson kicked the extra point attempt making the score 42-20.

With this touchdown, Bernardo capped an impressive day on the field. He ran for 251 yards on 40 carries and tied a school record with four rushing touchdowns, earning him Centennial Conference player of the week honors. His 16 touchdowns for the season tied a school record set in 1948.

On Moravian's next possession, Bowden's pass was again intercepted by Burke, his second of the day.

Burke was happy with the defense's play. "We looked shaky to begin the game. By the end of the game, we got it together. During the second half, we played well. Everyone on the team is excited about making the playoffs, since we all helped to turn this program around from a 1-9 record during my freshman year to an 8-2 record this year."

On their next drive, the offense was unable to score a touchdown, but solidified the win with a field goal making the final score 45-20.

This win ended an impressive regular season for the Mules, who finished with an 8-2 record, their best since 1980. For the second time in school history, the football team makes it into the postseason. The Mules will host the Wilkes Colonels this Saturday at noon in a one game playoff for the ECAC Southwest Football Championship. This is the first time since 1946 that the football team has been selected for a post-season game.

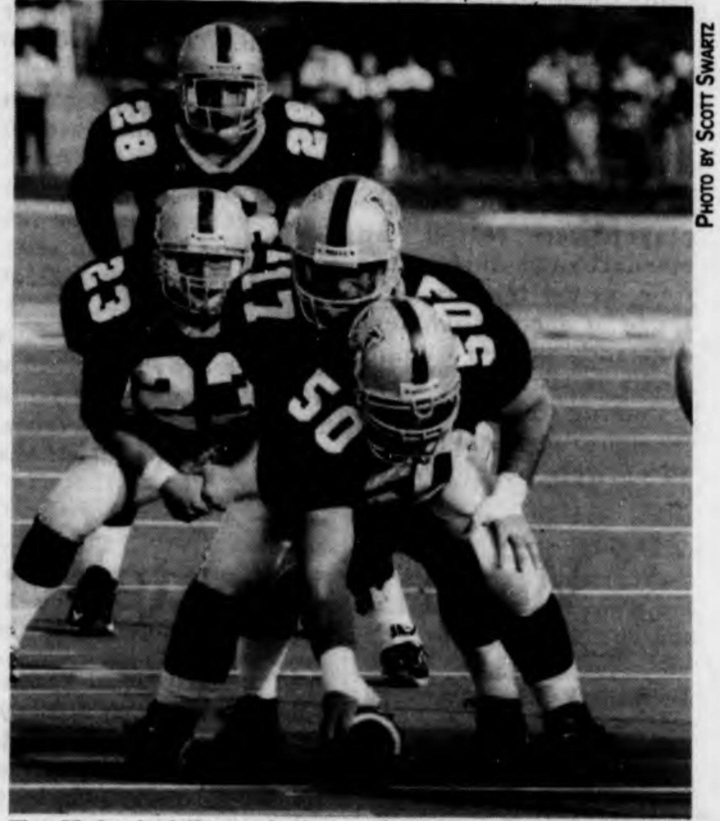

Photo by Scott Swartz

The Mules led through the entire game, largely due to Matt Bernardo's (28) record-tying four touchdowns.

Men's soccer finishes 2nd in CC; make 13th playoff appearance in 15 years

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg men's soccer advanced to the championship game of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Mid-Atlantic Tournament for the second straight year after shutting out Penn State-Behrend (11-9-1) 1-0 in the semifinals on Saturday, November 11th. The Mules then lost 1-0 to host Gettysburg (13-5-1) in the final. This was the 13th postseason appearance in 15 years for the Mules.

The Mules went into this tournament with their heads held high. Coach Jeff Tipping explained, "The team is getting over injuries. If we can get them to play this weekend we'll be difficult to stop."

The Mules defeated Penn State-Behrend on Saturday with 2:03 remaining in regulation, when Junior David Vassilaros took a long cross from the right side. After the ball bounced off a defender, it volleyed a shot past the opposing goalkeeper from 12 yards out. Junior Rob Pomento had four saves in the game.

This win sent the Mules into the championship game. The Mules had to once again face Centennial Conference rival Gettysburg, who advanced to the finals after defeating Washington on penalty kicks (4-2), after a scoreless tie. The Mules were shut out by Gettysburg, 1-0. The Bullets took the ECAC Championship when they scored their only goal of the game off of a free kick with only 3:32 remaining in regulation. The Mules had several good chances to score; they hit a post in each half, and with about 16 minutes to play were awarded a penalty kick. However, Gettysburg's goalie made the save. He was later named tournament MVP. The team had only nine shots during the game, and Pomento had four saves.

The team finished second in the Conference for the second year in a row. In the past three years they have won 32 games and have surpassed ten wins 14 out of the past 15 years.

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WMUH voted best radio station in Lehigh Valley

Award stimulates staff

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Just under 900 voters decided that WMUH is the best radio station in the area when they voted for the Second Annual Lehigh Valley Music Awards.

The College's radio station edged out Lehigh Valley Public Radio, Lehigh University's radio station, and the highly commercial WZZO.

The awards are associated with MAPPS (musicians, artists, poets, performers and songwriters), a volunteer organization that helps connect musicians with record labels and publicity.

The vote was announced at a party Nov. 20 at Casey's in Allentown.

Last year, WMUH took second place, in voting that was restricted to industry insiders. This year, those insiders delivered nominations, and the public voted online and through paper ballots.

"I think it just says that enough people are listening that people go online and vote for us," Senior Johanna Dunkel, WMUH program director, said.

Board members at WMUH recognize that the award was not for most-listened or most popular. Rather, the people who vote do so to encourage

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Exam Week Calendar

Dec. 7: Last day of classes; period for exam conflict registration ends.
Dec. 9 through Dec. 18: Final exams.
Dec. 8, Dec. 10, Dec. 14, Dec. 17: Study Days
Jan. 16, 2001: Classes begin for spring semester.

Inside

Preview of Mother Hicks

Mother Hicks, MTA's latest production, opens today in the Baker theater. The production is an award-winning children's play that starts the Muhlenberg Family Performing Arts Series. Page 9.

Football wins playoff

The Mules won the first playoff game they have played in years, defeating Wilkes by the score 26-22. Page 16.

Opinion analyst speaks

Peter Hart, a public opinion analyst, addressed an audience about the merits of each presidential candidate's claims. Page 5.

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World AIDS week events sponsored by RIBBON project

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

The annual World AIDS week is being commemorated this week, providing students with the opportunity to learn about H.I.V. and the AIDS virus.

The RIBBON Project will have a table set up on the upper level of Seegers Union all week, where they will be handing out ribbons and offering information about getting tested for H.I.V.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Moyer Forum, the week's feature event will take place--a presentation by Scott Fried.

Fried is a world-renowned educator, author and actor. One might recognize Fried from his days as a cast member of the soap opera Guiding Light. Fried, who is inflicted with H.I.V., is currently touring the country giving inspirational talks about the disease, life and his experiences.

According to the RIBBON

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Ground is broken on dorms; year-long project lies ahead

Photo by Jeff Baird

Dr. David Long, chair of the Board of Trustees, at the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Taylor proclaims 'vibrant future' has begun

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

College officials broke ground last Friday, ceremoniously starting the construction process for twin residence buildings, to be located west of Benfer Hall off Chew St.

Construction began Tuesday, but an opening has not yet been set due to unpredictable weather. It is likely that the halls will be included in the housing lottery this spring, with alternative housing made available for a short time at the beginning of the fall semester until the halls are ready to be occupied.

Dr. David M. Long, Jr. '51, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; College President Arthur R. Taylor; Dr. Albert Kipa, Professor Laureate and chair of the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures; and Dr. Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students all spoke outside at the bottom of the Benfer hill, in the place where the Halls will stand.

"This signals a bright and vibrant future for the College," Taylor said. He emphasized that the residence halls should not be called dormitories, as, he said, they are places for students to "live, learn, and grow. The College clearly needs more student housing...this is a first-rate facility."

Taylor hopes the halls will set a standard for other Colleges, emphasizing the view of the park below. He compared the "magnificent" four single-roomed suites to when East Hall had working fireplaces.

As for the benefits from this new construction, Long said this is only the first step of the "most ambitious" capital campaign in the College's history, and a very important one because it will house 140 students. Kipa explained that only 12 percent of students' weeks

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Benfer residents brace as noise of construction looms

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Concerned residents of Benfer Hall met Monday with representatives of Alvin H. Butz, Inc., the contractor that will be constructing the twin residence halls. They discussed concerns about construction side effects that would influence the noise level, especially around exam week.

The first stages of the building, set to begin next week, will include blasting rock underground and setting up construction infrastructure, like trailers and parking for workers.

"You shouldn't see anything spectacular, and you're probably not going to feel anything either," Michael J. Pruss, a manager at Explo-tech, the company that will perform the blasting, told the students.

Pruss said that before his company starts blasting, both Benfer Hall and the Trexler Pavillion will be inspected for small cracks or other defects. After the blasts, those buildings will be reevaluated for damage the blasting may incur.

But before that happens, each room in Benfer will be inspected "for our protection, for this College's protection, and for Butz's protection," Pruss said.

"They do need to get into each of your rooms—into your bedroom and into your bathroom," Brewer said.

Through RAs, the College will give residents notice 24 hours before the inspections are set to begin, Brewer said. The pre-inspections may start as soon as this week.

Following the rock blasting, some vegetation that separates the campus from the park to the south will be removed. "We're going to do as little of that as we can—we've got some trees designated to save," Brewer said.

He also said that there will still be a "barrier" of vegetation that separates the housing from the public park.

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'This will never happen to me' attitude can be deadly

TWO STUDENTS FROM nearby Gettysburg College, similar to Muhlenberg in size and religious affiliation, are facing ten years in prison after their arrest at the beginning of the month.

The police seized 257 Ecstasy pills worth $5,140 in the students' apartment—the sophomores were charged with two counts of possession with intent to deliver, and with possession of drug paraphernalia. The students were held in the County Prison, with a $75,000 and $50,000 bail. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, "Ecstasy" is the street name for MDMA, a synthetic, psychoactive drug with "amphetamine-like and hallucinogenic properties." A yearly survey at Gettysburg indicated that the use of ecstasy has increased; five to ten percent of students admit to have taken the drug. Although Muhlenberg does not have available statistics similar to Gettysburg's, because of the national presence of the drug, we know that it is definitely used on campus.

Time magazine reports that eight percent of U.S. high school seniors say they have tried it at least once, up from 5.8% in 1997; teen use of most other drugs declined in the late '90s. Nationwide, customs officers have already seized more ecstasy this fiscal year, more than 5.4 million hits, than in all of last year.

The drug is known to produce happiness, and have a therapeutic effect.

Students need to know that researchers say that the ecstasy pill you take could contain something else and have a fatal effect, or the chemical in "e," MDMA, could enter the bloodstream and go directly to the brain cells that release serotonin, which regulates mood and body temperature. The cells can explode and flood the rest of the brain with serotonin, and quickly increase body temperature to an unhealthy level. Long term, ecstasy can cause significant memory loss and can permanently damage the serotonin cells.

The typical response is, "this could never happen to me." At Emory University in Atlanta a year ago, a student took one pill of ecstasy at an off-campus rave, and died the next morning—she didn't know it would be her either. The Weekly strongly believes that the College should accordingly hold education programs on the dangers of drug use, similar to the alcohol abuse awareness speaker this fall.

Awareness is most important—the raid at Gettysburg, increased popularity of the drug among college-aged students, and a pair of specials airing tonight on CBS and MTV makes the drug one that is no longer a taboo. On CBS at 8 p.m., 48 Hours will show "Ecstasy," followed by "True Life: I'm on Ecstasy" at 10 p.m. on MTV. Both shows feature interviews with a young woman who believes ecstasy helped her and her terminally ill fiancé cope with his illness, and how federal and state authorities are toughening laws against those dealing the drug, and more interviews both pro and con.

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

In this letter, I would like to address the problems that have arisen involving Greek organizations on this campus. In the three and a half years that I have been at this school, there have been rivalries between fraternities and sororities, but this semester has saddened and disappointed me. Have we all regressed to an era where we have to insult and mock others due to insecurities?

I'm sure that there are some people who will read this letter, note the byline, and completely disregard my statement. To those people, I'm sorry that you can't be open-minded enough to look at things differently. I publicly make a plea to all other Greek organizations to re-examine why they have potentially dangerous relationships with other Greek organizations. I know it's a cliché, but the quote, "No matter the letter, we're all Greek together," is something that I feel has been lost amongst the fraternities and sororities at Muhlenberg College. We as a group have enough troubles without being harassed by each other. Let's stop breaking down each other, and start building up each other.

Saladine Cannady '02
Alpha Epsilon Pi brother

Greek pride: A response

Michael C. Goldsmith
Associate Editor

During the college experience, a student is provided with many paths to follow. The student can choose to be involved with their college studies and academics- a workaholic or "grub" more commonly called by some students. Others will participate in athletics or theater, and be assertive in enjoying their experience in that sport or production, bettering themselves with their athletic skills or dramatic abilities. However, when a student looks towards the Greek system, they can only see themselves as the frat brother or sorority sister that has no worries with academics or school or anything. They only care about following the "Animal House" image, with alcohol being heavily consumed, dangerous hazing, and pledging activities occurring. The disrespect of ladies can be commonly mentioned in addition to many other horrible things not worth mentioning. This image portrayed can be seen as realistic towards some students who don't take advantage of what their Greek fraternity or

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Editorial aside

HEAR US ROAR! COME SEE our new twin residence buildings! Look at our beautiful theater! Indeed, we are thankful for the beautiful theater and for the new residence buildings. We recognize that the College is taking steps to ensure a healthy and complete education in top-quality buildings-and we appreciate that.

But it seems that at times, the College is a little long on promising what WILL happen and a little short on recognizing what HAS happened.

The Muhlenberg Weekly reported in its senior edition last year that 91 percent of the applicants from the class of 1998 were accepted; The Weekly also reported this year that all 14 applicants to medical school had been accepted last time around.

In addition, there has been a significant rise in postgraduate honors-scholarships awarded to a select number of graduates that fund continued studies at top graduate universities.

But you wouldn't know this if you had been reading through muhlenberg.edu lately. You wouldn't know that we had a graduate go to Yale Law School last year, the first time in recent memory a Muhlenberg graduate has gone there.

The website just now got around to publishing some of our graduates' destinations. As it is, anyone can see that we have graduates at Cornell and Harvard, but the website gives no indication about who they are. We have students who took post-graduate honors to the best schools in the country; we had a teenager graduate last year who was offered multiple post-graduate awards. Each year, too, we have students who have internships across the spectrum of political, social and scientific fields.

For all the rhetoric about new buildings and programs and services, the greatest service of all is ignored. Now and then, you might hear things about "the value of a Muhlenberg degree." The facts exist to back up claims about a degree that increases in value every year. It's time we started giving those facts some play.

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will be accepting applications for editorial board positions for the spring semester. Pick up an application at the information desk in Seegers Union.

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Can't we all just get along?

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sorority can offer them. In fact, at the College, some students can be considered sometimes with the pride that they show for their organization. Some members can be very brash and obscene, but in the end, they "want to represent their organization and better it."

I understand the meaning by Saladine Cannady's "All Greek to Me," but unfortunately an idealistic view of the system as a whole can't be seen or reflected with the cliché mentioned. The Los Angeles riots of the early 1990s brought a great one liner that follows the hope of an idealistic system- "Can't we all just get along!" The many rivalries and conflicts mentioned are truthful. Over my four years at the College both as a freshman and then a brother at Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, I have been able to see the pride that both fraternity and sorority members express. Through the chants at Bid Day to the emotional days of Greek Week, each fraternity and sorority tries to show themselves off as the best.

With a business background, I can imagine each Greek organization as a separate company drawing new enthusiastic, hard working, model students through recruitment and rush to sign their offer (or Bid card). Once a member of the organization, the brother or sister, like any company employee, will portray their organization as the best and show their love for their position wifhin that fraternity or sorority. The act of demeaning other fraternities and sororities due to their own insecurities is incorrect. ·I believe that members who are heavily invested in their organization without the knowledge of how to bolster themselves, as the epitome of Greek organizations should be more aware of their impact on their organization's name. Those who wear their letters on campus must be able to stand tall and project him or herself as a student who has taken initiative in entering an organization that is the best.

The cliché of being Greek can relate to how one member of an organization can bring upon a negative stereotype. Greek organizations at the College not only make a great impact on the young men and women that are members, but they also contribute to their school not always in positive way. "Frat boys" can also make a huge impact on the campus and in their communities. In fact, during the pledging process, new brothers, thus all brothers should know the history of their chapter and organizations as whole. These organizations were initiated by a number of men who wanted to start something important, to promote brotherhood, academics, hence Phi Beta Kappa, and service. I know that may sound very cheesy to someone who view the Greek system as a place that supplies some Blue Ribbon and Meisterbrau.

The College has made the Greek system aware of what is tolerable on campus. It's unfortunate that some people can not show their pride off in a good way. Each organization has so many fine men and women portraying their chapter's ideals. I hope they will always keep close what pride they take in their experience at the College and their organization.

The mirror's reflection

Michael Lerman
"Queer View Mirror"
Weekly Columnist

Since I've started writing this column, people have asked me a lot of questions and said a lot of things. Many of those things were unexpected, several unwanted. It's led me to ask myself, as I'm sure many of you have wondered, what's the point? Why do I bother writing this every week? What do I hope to gain by doing this? Now seems like a proper time to explore that.

> *...this proves that anyone, everyone has a voice and can utilize it...*

My original intentions were more or less contradictory. I hoped to speak out for a group that doesn't necessarily want to be classified as a group. I wanted to advocate integration when the word itself signifies segregation. I tried to say I was the same, through a voice that was unmistakably different. Thus, I became what I preached against, what I least desired. Now I'm at a crossroads, wondering whether I've made myself redundant.

But I've said things that cannot be unsaid. Perhaps I chose the wrong time and place to write. Perhaps I've disobeyed my own credo, not to speak without impetus, but maybe that's the battle.

Maybe people like me are trapped between the inborn reality that gays and straights are the same and the world highlights the differences in pink.

So saying, it's not as easy as sitting down in front of my laptop and tapping out 500 words. On the other hand, I'm not fighting a social war. It's an ambivalence that makes me debate the relevance of this column. I mean, I've written poetry and movie reviews for this paper (see the Life section). Still, I only hear about this column. I'd have been naïve to have thought people wouldn't focus on that, but I didn't expect to be characterized as the gay kid. But like I said, I can't take that back, even though I often wish I could. That's right, I'm not proud.

I'm not ashamed either. Being straight would make life a lot easier, anyone would have to admit. However, I can't help but think I made a faux pas. I've wondered if I'm the right person to be writing this column. I've wondered if I should have established myself as a writer before publicly coming out. I've made a lot of bad decisions in my life. I, as most of my classmates know, know far less than everything. I can only hope to evolve and grow as time goes by and expect my column to evolve and grow accordingly. Hence, the future of this column is unclear, as foggy as my own future.

If my speaking is truly detrimental and it gets to a point where I must stop writing, I thought it only fair to my loyal readers and loyal Weekly readers - even those of you who hate me - to know why. And if I've failed, then I'm sorry. But if nothing else, this proves that anyone, everyone has a voice and can utilize it. Vaya con Dios.

On the streets of London

Dan Russo
Weekly Columnist

I'm not a good tourist and I'm an even worse Catholic. I am, however, an excellent wanderer. Since arriving in London, I've done a lot of it. Wandering is random much like the place where a raindrop falls. One sets out on a journey with no definable purpose.

Eventually, one reaches an unanticipated destination, and then returns with nothing definitive to show for it. One day, for example, I took a whimsical turn off Oxford Street and found the part of Soho famous for its sex industry. I rounded a corner and suddenly an erotic jungle jumped me with the force of a horny Rottweiler. I was amazed by all the bright lights and marketing ploys, especially the sign on a strip club that boasted "fifty years of tradition" in adult entertainment. I wasn't searching for sexual stimulation that day, the point is I wandered, and by chance a theme developed.

Today I had a wandering session that reached into my soul instead of into my boxers. I was walking towards nowhere when I came upon a Catholic church called Saint James'. It's appearance struck me: ancient grey stone and stained glass hidden behind careless newer structures. Since lately I'd been neglecting my duty as a tourist to examine historical sights, and my duty as a Catholic to avoid sin, I went inside.

The interior was mostly dark, but I could still make out the high ceiling and the intricate gold pageantry of the altar. I have trouble believing in my religion and others too. The promise of eternal life definitely appeals to me, but when I see all the stupidity and suffering that happens in the world, it's hard to buy the idea that a benevolent force exists which brings order and purpose to it all. Another problem I have is with the marketing side of religion. It's like: "Become Christian/Jewish/Muslim/Hindu! We've got thousands of years of tradition. We're the best." It's all just the same pair of breasts in Soho. It provides hope and meaning, but is it true?

I asked for forgiveness, and direction-you know, the standard pleas of your average guilt-ridden "lost sheep." Then, left. Afterwards, I had the closest thing to a spiritual experience I can ever remember.

I decided to stop wandering for the day and take the tube home. As I boarded a train my eyes began playing tricks on me. I saw colored spots like the ones you'd see after looking directly at the flash bulb of a camera; only they didn't go away after a few seconds. Soon it got worse. I tried to read signs, but couldn't. Inside I started to panic.

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Weekly Discourse: The 2000 Presidential Election

Is enough enough; or are there steps which still need to be taken?

David M. Sobotkin
Op/Ed Editor

WE ALL HAVE ATTENTION deficit disorder. Yes, the United States of America has a case of collective political ADD. Amidst calls for conceding the 2000 presidential election to Texas Governor George W. Bush, such actions taken by Vice President Al Gore would be both premature and ill-fated. That is, unless making extreme assumptions based on conjecture and incomplete data is how we plan on running this nation. Indeed there are a number of legal hurdles which must be cleared first to ensure a fair and proper election. Frankly, I would much prefer extending the uncertainty of not having a president (which technically extends well into December every other election anyway) for three, four or even five weeks past Election Day than falling into the trap of impatience, resulting in an improperly elected executive sitting at the helm of the most powerful nation for four years.

> *I suppose that Republicans have never really been all too concerned with equality anyway.*

Is it possible for the American public to control these impulses of rushing to a solution prematurely? Well, apparently not. The Republican public relations machine's onslaught egging the American public on is not helping formulate a clear resolution - be it in the court of public opinion or a court of law.

Granted, it is easy to succumb to Republican pressures, gently inciting feelings of restlessness with the current status, or lack thereof, of the Florida situation. However, we must stay strong, fight our collective impulse to resolve situations quickly. Faster is not always better, despite what Republican talking heads might lead you to believe. We must strive for quality, fairness and precision with our electoral process. Of course the vast majority of Republicans are asserting that the foundation for the selection of the nation's executive should not incorporate measures such as "quality," needless to say equality. I suppose that Republicans have never really been all too concerned with equality anyway. There are many, and proper, legal avenues in which this matter should still travel. Even the individual who steadfastly believes in the American political system will still agree that this matter is safer in a court of law, less polluted by partisanship than say, for mere theoretical example of course, the Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris.

It has become increasingly clear that the most sacred act this republic has to offer its citizens has fallen prey to the American fast-food mentality - that of "the sooner the better" - regardless of quality. We must resist these temptations, fight our urges for a quick resolution and combat our collective political attention deficit disorder.

Emily H. Gewitz
Production Editor

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. This familiar phrase is being uttered around water coolers and over cell phones across the nation. People want to know whom their future lies with—we are all tired of the endless debate over pregnant chads: dimples or no dimples. Did anyone even know that those little shards of paper had a name in the first place? And who doesn't know how to fully perforate a ballot? The would-be election has morphed into a full-blown media-a-thon; complete with villains, power struggles and just plain idiots wearing smarmily crinkled grins. Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris has been referred to as Cruella DeVil more times than I've heard Governor Bush discuss his rather covert opinions on abortion. The PR department for the Bush campaign has done an excellent job on reputation management, considering that their candidate's most strenuous daily activity appears to involve rapid facial contortions. His cover up of running mate Cheney's rather serious heart condition, followed by haughty references to himself as the President-elect have not increased Governor Bush's honesty ratings, but all the hubbub has taken away any concentration on his sticky stance on hot button issues.

None of this means, though, that Al Gore is the best candidate for President either. His repeated attempts to demand recount of every ballot in numerous Florida counties has succeeded both in alienating Democratic support within the government and among voters nationwide. Even though he won the popular vote, Gore's probable loss in Florida, shored up by all of the court decisions that turned out to have a negative effect on his vote tally, shows that someone does not want Gore to be the 43rd President. Is it the power-hungry old GOP bureaucrats? Is it Katherine Harris and other Bush cabinet appointment-seekers? Is it the people? These are questions that must be answered before the Supreme Court decides who gets to be the next commander-in-chief. Here is another important question, stemming from a speech by James A. Baker: do we really want the next President to be appointed by a court full of lawyers?

Not only has this drawn and quartered approach to elections given the late night talk show circuit the longest running joke in American history, but the world is laughing as well. Global communication has made it possible for people from Europe to Australia to make fun of the silly Americans, e-mailing suggestions of a return to the British monarchy, among other things. In more hostile nations, the turmoil surrounding the future of our government has people like Saddam Hussein clapping with glee, sending planes filled with women and children carelessly over the no-flight zone. We must come to a decision in order to combat further tarnishing of our international reputation.

Both camps already lost a lot of credibility from election night on, due to the effects of Bush's self-promotion to President-elect. Gore was never able to get out of the alpha male, Buddhist temple, Internet inventor hole he got pigeonholed in during the early months. Now, Gore appears like a whiny child, using the American Dream-like phrase, "Every American deserves the chance..." That is true, but if voters bothered to read the ballot properly, or summoned up the courage and smarts to ask an election official for help, or even simply fully punched out the hole, we wouldn't be having these chad debates. The 2000 Presidential election has been a disgrace, mainly because it has shown us how far the candidates are willing to go for their own personal or political party satisfaction. Talk about Presidential ambition—these men both deserve a hearty smack in the face, but only because they succeeded at an unthinkable feat. They duped the American public into believing that two men who could not be more different in their beliefs and ways of governing were not even worth discerning between. This sentiment is echoed in another oft-heard phrase: "I don't care who you elect anymore, as long as you elect someone." At the rate we're going, maybe we'll get a President for Christmas.

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The wanderer

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I got the idea that I must be going blind. I tried to figure out why, enumerating all the possibilities in my head.

Eventually my thoughts raced to the church, "Maybe it's God." Yeah, that's it. He heard my prayer and now instead of being nice and loving he's punishing me - getting vengeful and crap like in the Old Testament. 'Take that you worthless sinner!'

'You've been bad; now you'll pay with your eyes!' I'm screwed wait, maybe he's recruiting me to be some kind of prophet. Didn't he do that to saint Paul before he converted? No, you don't want me. Take somebody else."

I felt like screaming, and stumbled home as fast as I could. I stormed in to the bathroom and soaked my eye sockets with water. I then sat in the kitchen with my eyes closed. Nothing changed. I decided after a while that even if I was going blind, I still had to eat. After I ate, my vision returned to normal. It was at that point I realized that I hadn't eaten all day. "Could my vision problems be related to my lack of nutrition?" I thought. A few seconds later I answered myself. "Yeah, that's it. Works for me." I was ready to return to normal, complacent once again with my lack of faith and direction. I tried to relax by watching TV.

I only have four channels. Two of them were showing soap operas based around sex. The other two were showing news programs explaining the details of the holy war erupting in the Middle East. I've turned off the TV now. I've decided to go wandering again..

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'3 sisters' on the third floor

Off-Duty with Justine Frantz

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By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

Students walking across third floor Ettinger often pass by her desk during advising sessions and meetings with their professors. Justine Frantz, the faculty secretary for the Accounting, Business and Economic departments, would kindly greet students passing and answer any question directed towards her desk. Frantz has been working at the College since 1988.

Originally, Frantz worked at the College in the bookstore, but soon moved from her duties into the Office of Admissions. For over five years, she aided in drawing a number of prospective students (starting with the class of 2000). Frantz was transferred into a short stint at the Development Office, but was soon reassigned to the Accounting, Business and Economics departments.

Frantz assists the three departments not only as a secretary duties, but also in different capacities throughout the academic year, including advising and other special events. She also responds to questions about business events.

Outside of the College, Frantz attends craft shows at least once each month and enjoys quilting in her free time. On campus, Frantz tries to attend any sports or theatre event that a student worker is participating in. She is also a test administrator for the ETS Educational Testing Services. Frantz has been administering such exams as teaching certification, GRE, and nursing certification for the past eight years.

Anyone who passes through the third floor of Ettinger will see Frantz's older sister, Anitra Witkowski, in the Political Science department and her good neighborhood friend, Catherine Ramella in History. Frantz refers to Witkowski, Ramella and herself as "The Three Sisters." She feels very comfortable not only with her 'sisters' but also the faculty members that she has been able to work with and gotten to know over the time. The walls near her desk are slightly bare due to the removal of a number of paintings by her good friend, Professor Kenneth Clark, who passed away this past spring. "I am not able to cover the walls and cover where his paintings used to be posted, I want to keep the memories."

Outside of her Muhlenberg home, Frantz has three children. Her oldest son graduated from Muhlenberg, her daughter is attending Moravian, and her youngest daughter is still in high school.

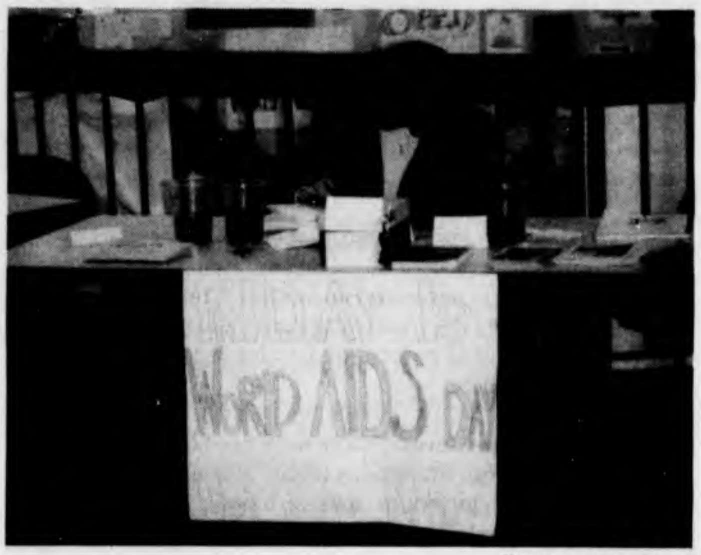
"I love working for departments that are very student-focused," said Frantz. Every year, she sees so many new faces in Ettinger scheduling advising sessions, introducing herself to them for the very first time. At the same time, she must cope with the loss of her business students who are graduating. In any accounting, business or economics class, the professor would make a reference to "Justine" for any questions and also the dropping off of term papers and other important paperwork. Frantz also assists the job searching and interviewing process through a number of accounting firms.

"I am so pleased that the students are getting jobs at such an early time before graduation," said Frantz. "I feel like I really helped them with their job search and look forward to success in their future."

Students are welcome to say "hello" to Justine as they are walking to their advising meetings. During her time at the College, Frantz has received plenty of interesting stories from passers by and interns in the department. She can recall a first-year student worker who was shy, but opened up after a sophomore trip abroad and came into her own. "She comes back from her trip to Spain with a tattoo and a mature, assertive personality, something different from the past year," explained Frantz.

RIBBON project hosts AIDS week events

Speaker relates his story tonight



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Alexis DeWald offers ribbons and AIDS literature at a Seegers Union table set up for the event.

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Project Vice President Ricky Baines, "his talk goes beyond the normal be safe warnings." Instead, it offers insight on remaining aware and conscience in today's society. It hopes to raise youth awareness.

Immediately following the presentation, free H.I.V. testing will be available in the Health Center. The Allentown Health Bureau is sponsoring the testing and everyone is encouraged to be tested. Anita Kelly, faculty advisor to the RIBBON Project feels that, "H.I.V. is not foreign to our campus and community because it affects us all."

> *"It's the least we can do for the cause and for the world."*
>
> Ricky Baines,
> Vice President, RIBBON project

Last year, offering the testing proved to be successful, as the Health Center remained open until midnight testing students. The H.I.V. testing is free and confidential, the Health Center said.

Also tonight, at 9:00 p.m. in Moyer 201, there will be an informal discussion in reaction to Fried's presentation.

Students are invited to attend and converse with Fried and other students regarding the evening's presentation and voice any questions or concerns they might have in general.

Dec. 1 is World AIDS Day. The city of Allentown is holding a march to support the commemoration of World AIDS Day. Several organizations from the College and some from several area colleges will be walking to support this cause as well. The College community is invited to walk.

There will be a Service of Remembrance and Healing in the Chapel tomorrow afternoon.

A brief candlelight ceremony will be held, with a performance by The Dynamics. Baines feels that this ceremony "will be a way to close the week's events."

Planning for World AIDS Week began last year with the RIBBON Project spearheading it. The members of the Project have worked very hard to put this week's events on and to promote them to the campus.

They have been going door to door spreading the events for the week and hope to see a large turnout. According to Baines, "it's the least we can do for the cause and for the world."

Opinion analyst Peter Hart speaks before packed auditorium

By David Sobotkin
Opinion Editor

Nationally renowned pollster, public opinion expert and final Decision 2000 speaker for the fall, Peter Hart gave a lecture on public opinion in this year's election in a standing-room-only Lithgow Science Auditorium Tuesday. He is a veteran of political commentary, having aided over 40 senators, 30 governors, conducted more than five thousand public opinion polls of over 2.5 million individuals, and regularly appears as an analyst for NBC.

Hart argued that because two different value systems exist in America today (restoring family and moral values versus maintaining economic prosperity), the election was very close.. Utilizing polling data, Hart shows that respondents saw Gore as the clear favorite among issues such as continuing the current economic growth, health care, foreign policy and education, with Bush leading in only taxes. However, Bush has shown favorable ratings among married, religious, Caucasian and male Americans.

Adding to the split among Americans, Hart spoke of "The Mighty Mississippi." Hart said that no one has carried an election without carrying a majority of the states surrounding the Mississippi River since 1912. In the 2000 election, Bush carried six of the states and Gore four.

Hart ultimately pointed to the idea that the 2000 presidential election was a choice between two evils, and that the American public was attracted to "the evil that they have not had before," and that "moral values" has won over "economic values," and that it was a choice "between the stupid guy we like and a smart guy we do not."

A Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, Hart spent Tuesday and Wednesday on campus, conducting classes in an interactive format.

OFF CAMPUS

University of Michigan—After consuming 20 drinks in only ten minutes, Byung-Soo Kim, a sophomore at the University of Michigan, was taken to the hospital where he remains after being admitted with a .39 blood-alcohol content, almost four times Michigan's legal driving limit of .1. When the police found him, Kim was passed out, his face was blue, and he was not breathing. Both Kim and another student were passed out during a party. Other people at the party put Kim and his companion in the apartment's back bedroom after they passed out. The other partiers called an ambulance an hour later, after they discovered he was not breathing.

Harvard University—One percent of the students at Harvard University were raped last academic year and two percent say they experienced an attemped rape in the same period, a study by the University itself reports. Three percent of males and 11 percent of females reported involuntary sexual touching.

Allentown, Pa.—Several shots were fired behind the Hotel Grand on N. 6th St. Sunday night. Fifteen APD officers responded to a call about several bar fights downtown. Nobody was arrested.

Lake Orion, Mich.—A 25,000-pound stolen tractor plowed through the front of Lori and Marc Brown's historic home, waking them up at 6:00 a.m. last Monday. The porch was demolished and Marc Brown said it "sounded like a freight train coming through."

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	**Mostly Cloudy**	**Mostly Cloudy**
High 38 **Low 22**	**High 37** **Low 24**	**High 38** **Low 21**

Anti-Bias, Hillel sponsor Holocaust awareness

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Organizers for the Youth and Prejudice Conference discuss the program.

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

Members of the Anti-Bias Group, Hillel and other individual students joined together with the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding in the Youth and Prejudice Conference.

The event was co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Lehigh Valley, and took place on Nov. 21 and Nov. 22.

The Youth and Prejudice Conference promotes awareness of the Holocaust to middle school students in the Lehigh Valley.

Patti Carlis, the College Program Coordinator, was in charge of planning the program. She worked with Dr. Peter Pettit, Director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, and Joyce Hittinger. Carlis was contacted by members of the Anti-Bias group about hosting an event. The group, which consists of 12 students, heard about the Conference and expressed an interest in playing an active role in participating in it.

Sophomore Vilas Saldanha, a member of the Anti-Bias group, said he thinks the program concurrs with the mission of his organization: to make people aware of prejudice and to introduce ways to counteract it.

Carlis and the Anti-Bias group had several meetings had several meetings to help plan the Youth and Prejudice Conference. Other organizations also showed an interest in participating in the Conference.

Hillel contacted its members about the event through e-mails. Senior Meredith Gordon said, "I was interested in participating in the event since I had participated the March for the Living."

Other students not affliated with any organization also volunteered their services. There were between 20 and 25 students who participated independent of an organization.

The middle school students were brought to the Empie Theater where they were first addressed by Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch. They were then showed a film, *The Lost Children of Berlin*, a video about the Holocaust. After the film, the students were broken into groups of about 60.

Each group had a panel of speakers which featured Holocaust survivors (first and second generation), facilitators and students. Topics of discussions in these sessions included: prejudice, stereotype, discrimination and scapegoating.

"I was impressed in the way the Muhlenberg students engaged the students in these issues and got them to share ther persepctives" Carlis said. "The goal of the Conference is to engage the middle school students in questions of prejudice and what can they do about this to prevent these things."

The younger students were asked by the Muhlenberg students to come up with different ways to help prevent prejudice.

Saldanha and Gordon both agreed that the students came up with many different ideas; these ideas included: slogans, bumper sticker sayings, writing to congressmen and setting up look-out groups (groups that look at where prejudice is occuring and try to stop it).

"We try to accomplish a lot in a short time. We try to plant seeds to make a difference or at least start to make a difference," Carlis said.

This is the third year that the Conference has taken place. In the spring, there will be a similar program where high school students from the area will participate.

Bruce Gover Jr./Business Briefing

Markets in a frenzy over election uncertainty

Economic data released Tuesday is pointing toward a great economic slowdown. This slowdown will hurt tech stock revenue growth, and as a result the Nasdaq reached a 13-month low on Tuesday. Nervous investors sold large amounts of technology stock, causing the tech-heavy Nasdaq to plunge 146.03 points to 2,734.46. Figures released late Tuesday afternoon reporting 2,992 stocks losing value, while only 1,047 gained value. The Nasdaq has lost 20% of its value since Election Day. In a slow economy many high valued technology companies will be unable to keep the pace needed to meet analyst's predictions for their earnings reports. The chip sector led the downward charge, Intel and Novellus Systems both fell. Software companies also took hits; Oracle fell 38 cents to close at $22.75, while Microsoft tumbled $2.94 to $67.94.

The Dow Jones also fell Tuesday; the blue chip index dropped 44.75 points to a close at 10501.32. However, drug companies and financial companies rose causing the Dow to jumped between positive and negative territory throughout the session. Johnson & Johnson rose $2.25 to $99.63; Merck gained 56 cents to $92.19, financial issues such as American Express, which gained $3.25 to $56.25, and Citigroup, which climbed 75 cents to $48.19. Most analyst agree that investors are waiting for a reason to start buying up stocks, and the uncertainty surrounding the presidential election isn't helping things either. Experts at Salomon Smith Barney believe that the market will stabilize once a president is declared.

In merger news, Broadcom Corporation agreed to buy an Israeli chipmaker named Vision Tech Ltd. The deal nears $777 million in stock. Broadcom Corp. is a communications semiconductor provider, while Vision Tech specializes in digital video and audio communications. The two agreed to swap 7.96 million of Broadcom's shares for Vision Tech. Vision Tech is a privately held company; its chips permit personal video recording (PVR), enabling viewers to freeze live television, instantly replay or rewind a program being watched. Broadcom has been on a buying spree as of late; the company has very high-priced stock, and has used it to beef up its operations dramatically during recent months. The company has made five acquisitions since July, totaling $6 billion.

The company financed each of those deals with its own stock. However, there was a dark cloud looming over the deal because Salomon Smith Barney analyst Clark Westmont's decided Monday to slash his 12-month price target on Broadcom.

He came to this decision do to signs of slowing in the company's supply chain. The downgrade sent Broadcom shares tumbling $19.56 to a close of $97.56 in Monday trading, slashing about $156 million off the Vision Tech merger's value.

Benfer residents prepare for construction noise to start

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

College President Arthur R. Taylor at the groundbreaking.

Nearly all of the handful of students attending the meeting were concerned about the time of the blasting. There will be considerable noise when the blasting takes place, all the representatives agreed. "They're essentially taking rock down below and making it dirt," Brewer said.

This made some students uneasy.

"We're going to be stupid and we're going to be studying until 3:00 in the morning and it's going to suck if we have to wake up at seven in the morning," Josh Lebson, a sophomore, said at the meeting.

Butz officials were quick to respond to student concerns about the early hour at which blasting may start. They agreed not to start blasting rock near Benfer Hall before 9:00 a.m., when final exams begin. Any blasting done before that time will be done closer to the park and far away from the residence building, officials agreed.

> *"You shouldn't see anything spectacular, and you're probably not going to feel anything either."*
>
> Michael J. Pruss, Explo-Tech

Lebson and other students said that during finals, the mornings should be quiet—at least until exam periods begin at 9:00. "That's something we're almost owed," Lebson said.

"It may very well coincide that the blasting will be done over Christmas break," Thomas Daniels, a project manager for Butz said.

Before any blasting, three horns will sound five minutes before; two horns will sound three minutes before; and one horn will sound a minute before the blast will happen, officials said.

A row of parking spaces behind Benfer will be lost during the construction period, but more parking will be added after the new buildings are ready in the summer.

Also, the current entrance to Benfer will likely be closed over the summer; in the fall, students would use the new driveway that will service both new halls (as yet unnamed) and Benfer.

Construction workers will park near Parkway Boulevard on the other side of Benfer and will not take up student spots.

College officials are now saying that the buildings definitely will not be ready by the beginning of the fall semester, but are unsure about how soon they will be ready for occupancy.

Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, said that the buildings probably will be included in the lottery in April, but that any student choosing that building will be notified that there will be temporary housing until the buildings are ready.

He did not specify what that housing situation will be.

Daniels said that the project is for the most part on the schedule set in July.

"We're going to work some extra shifts to get these done," he said.

After the construction is up there will be light security around the construction site. When Butz built the Trexler Pavillion, the company discovered vandalism inside the uncompleted building, tools were borrowed illegally, and a student used the Butz sign as a headboard.

Butz officials said there will be fall hazards in the construction site for anyone illegally there after hours.

"There's going to be a lot of potential there for someone to be seriously hurt," Tyrone B. Reed, safety director, said.

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Construction has started near Benfer Hall with dirt removal. Blasting and drilling will start in the next few weeks.

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Professor Laureate Dr. Albert Kipa speaks at the ceremony.

Ground broken in ceremony

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are spent in the classroom.

To benefit students academically outside that time, the residence hall suites are set up for individual and group study. This "special environment for learning" will compliment not only the academic curriculum but "leadership,ethical character and social responsibility."

This "auspicious moment" for the College is good for the relationship between the College and the community. "The combination of progress and tradition are obvious pieces of higher education," said Kipa.

Those who were the first to wear hard hats and shovel the land in the ceremonial groundbreaking were Long; Taylor; Dr. Arthur R. Altman, a 1953 graduate and chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee of the Board of Trustees; and Senior Jodi Siegel, President of Student Council.

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WMUH voted Valley's best radio station

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD
WMUH director Joe Swanson hopes the station will get more studio space after the Seegers Union renovations.

a station.

"They are people who are looking for an alternate radio," Senior Stephanie Clarke, station manager, said. "You can find any kind of program."

"We appeal to people who just want something different from B-104," Dunkel said.

The award will help to motivate WMUH and mobilize both its piecemeal audience and the College in providing more funding.

"Everyone who is a DJ feels really good that other people listen to the music they pick out," Senior Jessie Pepper said.

Joe Swanson, Director of WMUH, said that he looks forward to more space after renovations to Seegers Union, scheduled to be completed over two years.

Last winter, the station started streaming its programs through RealAudio, and now receives 300 hits on its website each week, getting e-mails from other towns, states and continents.

Last year, WMUH was named 20th among college radio stations by The Princeton Review.

"We would like to do a lot of things like syndicating our programs," Swanson said. He also wants to do compilation CDs for distribution to other radio stations. He said it would give both WMUH and the College good publicity.

Ian Bruce, general manager of MAPPS, said that the awards were started last year and have since accumulated a board of directors of five to seven "key people who did a lot of the work." The organization is nonprofit and is struggling for members, with about ten members now, down from 300 years ago, Bruce said.

Bruce said he publishes "432 Miles," a magazine that reviews new CDs for radio stations that sometimes receive 50 to 100 CDs every week.

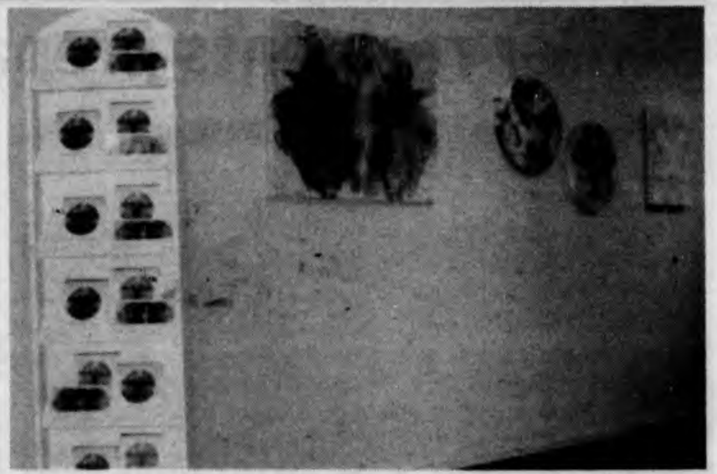


PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD
"Seasons of Symmetry," a new exhibition by the artist Jeanne Wilkinson, opened in the Martin Art Gallery Nov. 17. It will continue through February.

Around Campus

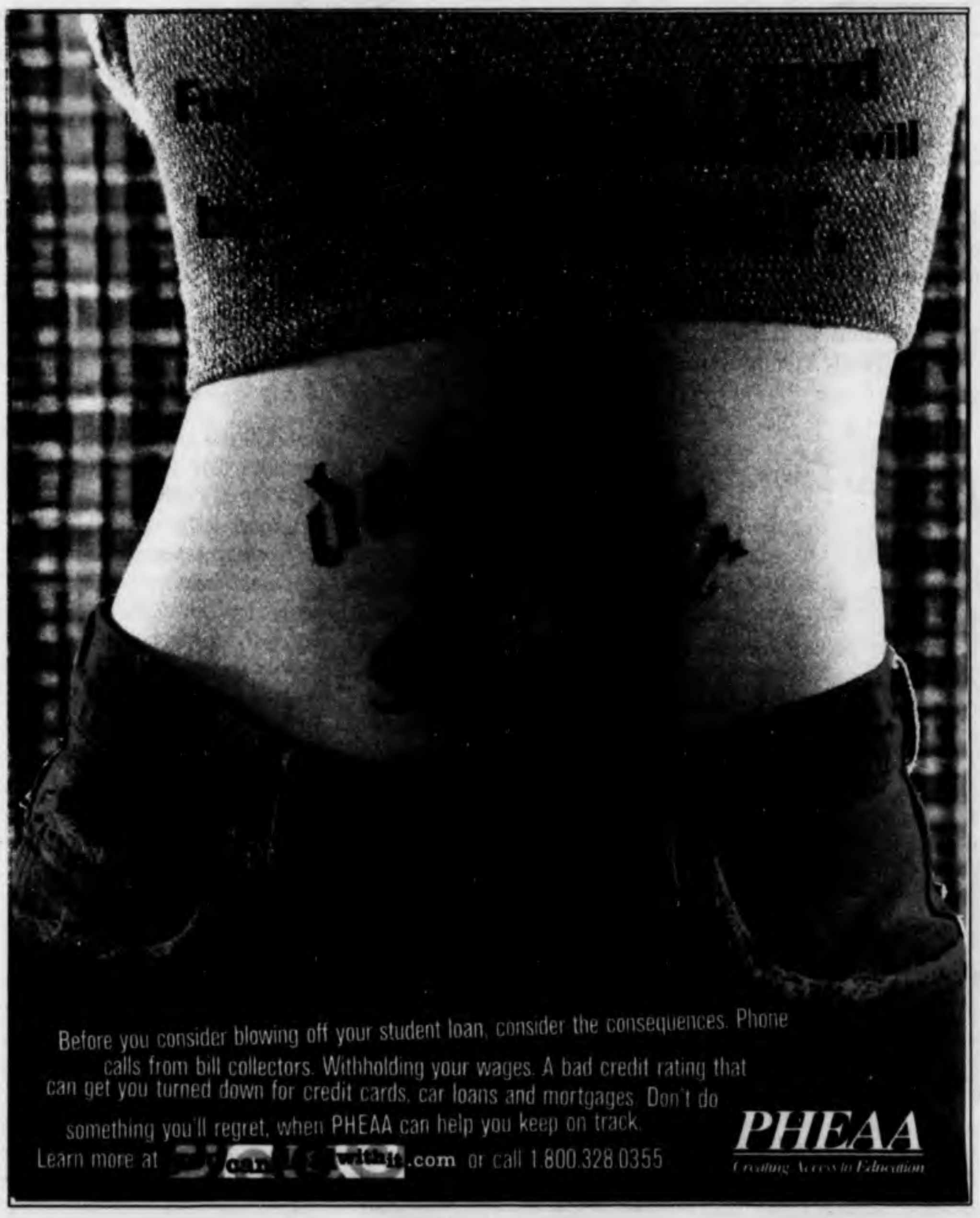
The controversy in Flordia.

Freshman Stacie Feldman
Someone should just be the bigger man and concede.

Junior Eugene Wong
They should have the recount instituted and not dismiss the votes.

Freshman Lindsey Aspinall
I hope that the Democrats... will back [Bush] up.

Freshman Dan Palen
I think it's kind of a bit ridiculous.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Weekly life

Inside...

- "This Show" premieres
- Jazz concert in Empie
- *Charlie's Angels* review

Performance demonstrates 'dancer voodoo'

By Ali Hinks
Weekly Staff Writer

I journeyed into the elusive world of the dancer on Sunday, Nov. 19th. Like fairies or leprechauns, dancers are sometimes difficult to spot. They allegedly go to some mystical place called a "studio" for hours on end and practice dancing. No one can be sure what that really means, but every once in a while these dancers will let us into their world to show us the products of their conjuring. To spend this time with them was on the whole an enjoyable afternoon that produced a few unexpected jewels.

To watch Emily Eger's "Revolutions" was like watching giants onstage. Her dancers moved with what seemed to be an intense, unleashable power. They moved like the stage was a very small, confined space where they had to be conservative with their movements. It appeared to convey how a few people conform to society are capable of much darker acts. The frustration that the constrained nature of the dance aroused seems appropriate to this theme. Melissa Borgstede and Lisa Marie DeCotiis's jazz duet "Persuasions" demonstrated the girls' beautiful dancing style, enviable athletic ability, and was some extremely creative moves as well. Unfortunately, it was hard to understand the relationship between the two dancers. There were several times the girls smiled at each other like they were doing something as a team, but once or twice during the piece DeCotiis seemed to be a dominant force over Borgstede, forcing her to do things she did not want to do. This indecisive theme disappointed me because it was quite a tease at an interesting idea.

"Resonance" by Christina Spring and Bree Troise was a balletic modern piece danced to classical music. It was a nearly mimed story about a dead girl who makes it back to life in the mind of her lover. The focus of this dance shifted frequently and inconsistently which created a choppy feeling. Often times there was too much for one pair of eyes to take in. Although the ability of all of the dancers involved was well displayed with glorious leg extensions and difficult steps, the tone of the dance was a little melodramatic. Jess Wasilewski's "Self-Portrait" was a complicated dance involving different aspects of the "Self" character, (passion, self as a child, mother, spirituality being danced as separate characters). Wasilewski used these different characters as a Greek chorus of sorts; letting them lead the show from the background, while "Self" is their sad little puppet. By the end, "Self" reveals her face; battered and bruised from the battle of dealing with herself. What made this dance so intriguing was its structure. Wasilewski is not afraid of dealing with each character one at a time in relation to "Self," while the other characters create a backdrop of sign-language-like hand movements. I think simplicity was a good choice that worked for the

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Children's play opens this weekend

By Rebekka Schnell
Assistant Life Editor

The first season of the Muhlenberg Family Performing Arts Series opens November 30-December 5 with the original Muhlenberg Theatre Association production of Suzan Zeder's award-winning play, Mother Hicks. Zeder has been credited with changing the experience of family theatre by her introspective and energetic creation of serious young people who face life-changing dilemmas of identity, belonging, and security.

Mother Hicks premiered in 1983 in Seattle and was presented in 1985 at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C. The play takes place during the Depression in a rural midwestern town that is suffering from great losses of the security and safety. Many want to believe that a spell has been cast on them, and because they fear what they do not understand, they believe Hicks has turned her powers of healing to witchcraft. The play's narrator is Tuc, who can neither hear nor speak, is the witness in the play. He helps the townspeople to look beyond desperation and distrust. Tuc encounters and girl and immediately realizes she is in need of Mother Hicks' care. Girl is searching for an identity of her own and with Mother Hicks' healing power and Tuc's compassion, she learns that she must create her own identity and find her own name.

The production is directed by Charles Richter and features Equity artist Devon Allen as Hicks and visiting artist Michael J. Stark as Tuc. Richter attended Southern Methodist University with the play's creator, Zedel. The performances are Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

The things we do for love...

Photo by Abbi Sharofsky

Becky Eckart and Rob Harvey practice for this weekend's "The Saint-Valentine's Massacre," directed by Laura Feliciani.

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

It is oddly reminiscent of the infamous scene from *When Harry Met Sally*. "The Saint-Valentine's Day Massacre," a black box that will be shown this weekend, provides a hilarious look at the idiosyncracies of love in the 21st century. Laura Feliciani '03 directs the show effecively with the combination of humor and sentiment.

Eckart plays the sharp and sarcastic Cheryl, who seems tired of Kenny's (Harvey) antics.

Harvey succeeds in creating an egotistical, yet goofy character. It is his ability to go from obnoxious to endearing in the matter of a minute that makes him successful.

TJ O'Connell '03 is hilarious in his surprise role as the waiter.

Performances will be held Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5pm, and Sunday at 2:30 p.m., in the Red Door.

Been there, done that...

November 17-18, 2000
The annual Scotty Wood Tournament was held in Memorial Hall. Both the men's and women's teams continued on to the second round, but lost in the final round.

November 29, 2000
Members of *At. This. Moment* played in the Red door.

Coming up...

November 30, 2000
World renowned actor and educator Scott Fried will be speaking as part of a number of events surrounding World AIDS Day. His talk, entitled "AIDS, love, and staying alive," will discuss dealing with AIDS in today's society. HIV testing will be available after the discussion in the health center.

December 1-3, 2000
MAC is sponsoring the showing of *Scary Movie* in the Red Door at 7 p.m.

December 2, 2000
There will be a "one hit wonder recording booth" from 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. in the Seeger's Union Lobby.

December 3, 2000
A bus trip will be going to New York City to visit Rockefeller Center. The bus leaves the CA at 10 a.m. and will leave NYC at 7 p.m.

December 3, 2000
The Muhlenberg Theater Association will be holding auditions for shows that will be performed in the spring.

A Break in the Bubble...

Pre-empting his opponent's initiative, Prime Minister Ehud Barak told the Israeli Parliament that he was ready to face new elections.

Squirrels, bells, and hopefully laughs

By Jen Epting
Life Editor

Twenty-four minutes. After almost a year of work, more than tenhours in the editing room, and countless hours spent filming, it has all come down to 24 minutes. But what an important 24 minutes for Dave Basner '02 and Gabe Nathan '02, as those minutes are a culmination of a project they have dedicated themselves to, all in the name of laughter.

"I got the idea because I wanted a show that was informative and made people laugh, and 'This Show' is what I came up with," Basner said, in response to how he originated the idea. "Either that, or it was a bad trip from the food in the garden room."

"This Show" is a spoof on the ABC news program 20/20, and includes numerous features stories about students and life on Muhlenberg's campus. The stories range from the bells in the bell tower, to an on-the-spot pop quiz on academic row, to a search for a squirrel.

"I hope the response is positive," Nathan said. "I'm really just hoping for laughter. It's a simple show, and I hope simple but good things come out of it."

> *"The best part is knowing I did it... my hope is that as many students as possible watch it and smile."*
>
> Dave Basner

Basner and Nathan began work on the show last winter. The two have been friends for 13 years and have always shared the desire to make people laugh. This desire, combined with Basner's love of broadcast journalism, resulted in "This Show."

"I want to be an entertainment reporter," Basner said. "I want to go into broadcast journalism...I'd never edited anything in my life, and the good thing was it came pretty naturally."

Basner's experience so far has included being a kid-time news reporter on the WB television station. He's also worked with MAC with introducing comedians.

"The best part is knowing I did it," he continued. "I started with an idea and did something with it. My hope is that as many students as possible watch it and smile."

"This show" will be broadcasted on MCTV (channel 21) tomorrow and Saturday from 6 p.m.–11 p.m. continuously. The two plan to create episodes once a month in the future.

Photo by Jeff Baird

Dave Basner '02 speaks about his experience creating the first episode of "This Show." The show will air on MCTV on Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m.-11 p.m.

Student performers succeed in touching audience

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dance.

Jess Wasilewski should be commended for being the only choreographer in the show to put up two pieces. Her second piece, "ReCREATION" was a tap piece designed to recreate the drum solo in "In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida." All three dancers were quite adept in their tapping, but I have a feeling the dance was more true to the song than the audience will ever know. I wish I could have heard the song before seeing the piece or heard the dancers sing the song. I was left very frustrated afterward knowing I had only a small idea of how hard they had worked.

The re-staging of "Sleeping Beauty" by Kristin Goldrick and Alison Clabaugh was the only dance piece in the show performed en pointe. It was a very crisp dance, but it was hard to follow since the plot of the ballet was re-staged in only a few minutes. All the dancers were wonderful to watch in this piece. Sophomore Christina Spring dances with particular expression and loveliness.

Julie Danton's "Ophelia" was danced only to the sound of a rushing river. The first section was choreographed to show Ophelia drowning in her river which was made up of parts of her subconsious. Andy Kent stood onstage as a Hamlet figure, but only moved when the different corners of Ophelia's mind moved him. Appropriately, these dancers treated Hamlet first with gentleness and need, and then with bitter force, signifying Ophelia's need for him, but also her subconscious control over him. It was a beautifully done dance, clear in its intent, and touching in its execution. Lauren Milia was as powerful as the principle.

"Pail Logic" by Jenny Lifson was a silly dance where all the dancers performed as if they were children. It was wonderful. The dancers burst onstage in full character and filled every corner of the music. Each dancer was equipped with a pail that they used to represent many diffrent objects. It seemed to condense the broad imagination of childhood into one object. The buckets symbolized the ability of children to build their world out of anything; to make it happy or sad all by choice and attitude.

Andy Kent's debut as a choreographer, "Amen" seemed extremely mature for it to have been his first public work. He created a dance about the fear and dehumanization created by the holocaust; extremely well thought out and carefully structured. The creative and clear way he used space onstage helped with the audience's understanding of quick location changes and different situations. The movements executed by his dancers showed an amazingly clear imagery for the situation he was trying to create. Julie Danton was particularly touching in her expression.

Every dance I saw on Sunday, despite my opinion, was true to itself. I know that the choreographers had full faith in their end product. This is what's truly important; to believe in the dancer voodoo created. I wish I could tell you every bit of the magic these elusive dancers showed me Sunday afternoon, but alas, I cannot. Just know that they do exist, and their time spent in the studio is well worth it.

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Older

Far enough away in time and place
Like a faceless star at midnight
For now I've lost my Janus face
And cumulus emotions to blind my sight

A dose of satisfaction soothes
When others fall to my affliction
And duel the stinging lucid truths
With the sword of contradiction

But being older is to accept
I banish you and live
And being older's to be adept
Goodbye, and I forgive

Contributed by Mike Lerman

A look at... Coldplay and The Wu Tang Clan

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Staff Writer

Coldplay is the finest band to come out of Britain for a long time (excluding *Radiohead*). Sure, they sound very reminiscent of UK sensation Travis, only Coldplay writes much better songs. Their vocalist sounds like a perfect cocktail; a blend of Jeff Buckley and Thom Yorke. The foursome's debut full-length, *Parachutes*; has been a smash in Britain thanks largely to the band's sincere first single, "Yellow." Chris Martin coos the opening line of the song, "Look at the stars / see how they shine for you," in such a desperate and urgent manner that the listener becomes putty in his hands. Despite the success that "Yellow" has seen since this past summer in the UK, Coldplay has received little, if any, airplay in the U.S. Hopefully that is all about to change, since *Parachutes* was just released stateside last month.

The full-length album meets the high expectations that "Yellow" set for it. *Parachutes* contains ten consistently melodic and heartfelt songs that a listener will only grow closer to and appreciate more with each listen. The album is perfectly programmed, with not a dull moment on the entire disc. "Sparks" is extremely mellow, but also heavily melodic, with the listener holding on preciously to each note as Martin's voice climbs and climbs, then melds into the song's refrain. "Shiver" sounds like a rocking Jeff Buckley at his best, and "Everything's Not Lost" is a perfect, uplifting album closer, complete with a catchy Randy Newman-esque melodic line.

While it is still unknown whether Coldplay will strike gold in America, since many successful UK bands have found little support, Coldplay nonetheless made a promising debut effort. They have succeeded in a task that many bands struggle with today, finding something fresh and inspiring in a traditional guitar, bass, drum and vocals set up. They have combined the excitement of a simple melody and a great song. Hopefully, stateside listeners can share in that excitement.

And now for something completely different...The Wu Tang Clan's heavily anticipated third album, *The W*, came out last Tuesday, but there may have been too much hype. The album sounds extremely rushed. While I have been defending the Wu since their groundbreaking classic debut, *36 Chambers*, it seems The Wu can't recapture the vitality of its debut.

One of the best qualities that was captured perfectly on Wu Tang's debut was the ten different personalities of its members. With *The W*, the Wu sound tired and past their prime, their members sound like they are just going through the motions. This fact may be due to ODB's desire to concentrate more on his solo work. Despite that, he could have done more than one forgettable track for the new record. Much of the disc sounds rushed with easy beats and filler. Where the RZA once put together groundbreaking instrumentals, he seems to have gotten lazy. For instance, on the track, "I Can't Go To Sleep," he samples Isaac Hayes' already overly-sampled, "Walk On By," and instead of cutting it up into a fresh RZA masterpiece, he pulls a Will Smith move and just lets the whole instrumental play. RZA doesn't even change the tempo!

The album also sounds thrown-together because of its guests. Why does a crew that is ten deep, at least, need five special guests on its record? Plus the choice of guests doesn't even blend. Snoop Dogg sounds ridiculous on "Conditioner," and while I love Busta Rhymes, he sounds pretty out of place rhyming with the Wu. On the other hand, some of the guests like Redman mix well, but are frustrating because Wu members like Method Man, Inspectah Deck, and Reakwon don't get nearly enough time to rhyme on the record.

Some cuts off the disc are hot though, especially the two lead off tracks, "The Jump Off" and "Gravel Pit." The progressive "Chamber Music" and the heartfelt closer, "Jah World" are both pretty tight, and become standouts among the rest of the album. The Wu Tang Clan still has the potential to create another classic masterpiece, but *The W* isn't it.

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Coldplay exceeds expectations with *Parachutes*.

Just some "good ol' American music"

By Brian Talbott
Assistant Opinion Editor

There are not too many opportunities for students to hear some good ol' American big band and jazz music at this school. But on Sat., Nov. 18, the Muhlenberg Jazz Ensemble performed to a filled Empie Theatre.

The Ensemble, who practice every Sunday, put together a repertoire of famous pieces, including "Strike up the Band," "Bugle Call Rag," "Rhapsody in Blue," and "Bird Land." Some of the renowned composers heard were George Gershwin, John Berry, and Dizzy Gillespsie.

With a selection of music like this, it is no wonder that the director, Al Neumeyer, couldn't keep himself from dancing all over the stage in time to the music. Most of the audience couldn't keep their feet from tappin' to the music either.

The jazz ensemble is made up mainly of students and alumni. However, the trumpet section also includes two outside professionals, Joe LoBalbo and Doug Metz. Metz and Steve Fischl '04 performed the trumpet solos in the show.

"I was proud to be part of such a powerful concert," Chris Szakal '01, one of the saxophone players, said, as he summed up the attitude of the players.

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A Hebrew word adopted into Greek, Latin, English and many other languages, it means "Yes!" or "So be it!" The word first appears in the Bible in the book of Numbers (5:22). It is commonly used by both Jewish and Christian congregations to respond in unison to a prayer read aloud by a leader. It may also be uttered fervently and with relief when an arduous, irksome and perverse task is completed – such as certifying a presidential election.

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December 1-3

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Unbreakable
Fri.— 4:20, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:50, 10:30; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 8:15

The Grinch
Fri.—4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Sat.— 12:00, 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20; Sun.— 12:00, 2:00, 4:40, 8:10

Charlie's Angels
Fri.—4:50, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.— 2:30, 4:50, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.— 2:30, 4:50, 8:20

102 Dalmations
Fri.—5:00, 7:00, 930; Sat.— 11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.—11:45, 2:15, 5:00, 8:00

Little Nicky
Fri.—4:00, 9:50; Sat.—4:00, 9:50; Sun.—4:00, 8;20

The Legend of Bagger Vance
Fri.—7:00; Sat.-1:00, 7:00; Sun - 1:00

Men of Honor
Fri—4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 8:00

Meet the Parents
Fri.—4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.— 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.— 1:30, 4:30, 8:10

The 6th Day
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sat.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:20; Sun.— 1:40, 4:40, 750

General Cinema Lehigh Valley 8

Meet the Parents
Fri., Sat.,and Sun. —2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 9:50 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Men of Honor
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:55, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

102 Dalmations
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40

Unbreakable
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Rugrats in Paris: The Movie
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:50, 3:50, 5:50, 7:50, 10:00

The Grinch
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—1:30, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30, 11:00 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Little Nicky
Fri., Sat., and Sun.—2:00, 4:00, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Charlie's Angels
Fri. Sat., and Sun.— 12:10, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55 (Midnight Fri. and Sat.)

Rocky Horror
Fri. and Sat.— midnight

Charlie's Angels: a 'heavenly' performance

By Mike Lerman
Weekly Staff Writer

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Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, and Lucy Liu fight crime in the recent *Charlie's Angels*, an adaptation from the television series.

In the first five minutes of this movie, one character groans as *T.J. Hooker: The Movie* begins during his flight: "Another movie from an old TV show." Director McG fires a clever jab at the tired trend. However, while ample jiggling has been maintained in this cinematic translation, *Charlie's Angels* is a movie that stands on its own; rather well, I might add.

Drew Barrymore, Cameron Diaz, and Lucy Liu make up the title trio. On paper, the concept of these girls taking the helm from such former Angels as Farrah Fawcett and Cheryl Ladd may seem, well, weak. However, this team pulls it off with *The Matrix*-style martial arts feats you wouldn't expect from Cameron *There's Something About Mary* Diaz, as well as comic timing you wouldn't expect from Drew *Ever After* Barrymore. In one particular fight scene, the trio is against a swordsman whose weapon is handily sheathed in his cane. It is the best-staged battle since the lightsaber three-way in *Episode I.*

Another outstanding quality this movie has is its music. Both cool and appropriate, the soundtrack includes *Turning Japanese* by the Vapors (tastefully played when the Angels go under Geisha guise), *Baby Got Back* by Sir Mix-A-Lot (which Cameron Diaz dances to...I'll leave the rest to your imagination), and various songs about angels.

The Angels have a mission to rescue Eric Knox and his latest technological advances. Knox is computer prodigy who has apparently been kidnapped by Roger Corwin (Tim Curry, adding another villian-in-a-movie-from-a-television-show to his résumé). The Angels have been commissioned by Vivian Wood, Knox's partner, who may be more than she seems to be.

Bill Murray plays Bosley, Charlie's right hand man. While Murray is one of the best comedic actors that money can buy, his character is mostly comic relief (although McG allows the girls their share of the laughs), only playing a truly pivotal role at the movie's climax.

Does this movie have any drawbacks? Well, a few. This movie has some technically impossible moments. For example, a plane door opening mid-flight without any effects is obviously impossible. Then again, it's a movie. Barrymore's flames, Luke Wilson and Tom Green, get cameos that are, for the most part, grating.

Also, there are too many slow-mo shots of the Angels tossing back their hair. Apparently, time stops whenever Lucy Liu takes off a mask and runs her hand through her hair.

The plot twists keenly like a Bond flick and has gratuitous anatomy shots to match. *Charlie's Angels* keeps you guessing, even with a limited playing field of characters.

I walked into this movie expecting a bloodsucking rehash like *McHale's Navy* or *The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle*, but *Charlie's Angels* is, you guessed it, heavenly.

THIS WEEKEND WITH MAC!

FRIDAY:

7pm—"Scary Movie"
9-11pm—Comedy Nite!
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11pm-2am—Perkulators Dance

SATURDAY:

7pm—"Scary Movie"
7pm-1am—1 Hit Wonder (SU Lobby)
11pm-1am SHUMI

SUNDAY:

7pm—"Scary Movie"

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Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

♈ **Aries** 3/21 - 4/19
Delve into an expressive art form, and have fun with it. Try something you've always wanted to do or haven't done for a while. Drawing, sculpting, dancing, or playing an instrument are a few of the things you can try.

♉ **Taurus** 4/20 - 5/20
Sometimes you wish you could be anywhere but here. Let your mind wander sometime today. Try to escape from the Muhlenberg bubble once in a while.

♊ **Gemini** 5/21 - 6/21
Today you may have the urge to act just a little bit more goofy than usual. Remember it is okay to break free from the seriousness and stress of everyday life at college every once in a while.

♋ **Cancer** 6/22 - 7/22
Don't worry; it's okay to be a little outspoken once in a while, especially when you're not given all the attention that you deserve. That person whom you've been trying to communicate with across the GQ won't ignore you if you speak your mind.

♌ **Leo** 7/23 - 8/22
The glass is half full for you today. If you do poorly on a test or a paper, you know it won't cost you your future. Because you have a positive perspective on life, nothing can stand in your way. Make it a priority to always remain hopeful.

♍ **Virgo** 8/23 - 9/22
Prove to yourself and everyone else just how intelligent and competent you are by discussing the things you learn. Not only will it help you to study better, it will also make you more interested in learning in the long run.

♎ **Libra** 9/23 - 10/22
Things may seem out of sorts today, so use it to your advantage. To you, those mashed potatoes in the Garden Room look like they should be molded into different shapes. Do something a little different; your friends will understand.

♏ **Scorpio** 10/23 - 11/21
Ever since your alarm clock went off this morning, all ordinary activities seems shocking to you. The day will keep you on your toes, so pay attention to all that is going on around you. You will be delighted with excitement in the near future.

♐ **Sagittarius** 11/22-12/21
Happy Birthday to you! Your birthday may be today, yesterday, the day before that, or in the near future. If you haven't already, do something fun for your birthday with your friends. It's never too late to celebrate!

♑ **Capricorn** 12/22 - 1/19
Just because your friends are going to that party tonight, it doesn't mean you have to if you don't want to. Do something different for a change; enjoy a night away from the crowd.

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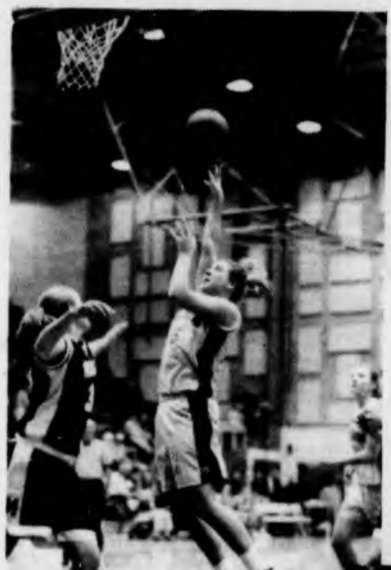

Senior Captain Jessica Drennan shoots the lay-up against Middlebury in the Mules' final tournament game.
She led the team with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

Sophomore Center John Strom (33) catches some air in over a Salisbury State defender as teammate Toomey Anderson (10) looks on.
Strom had 13 points in the tournament game.

Women's basketball takes second place in Scotty Wood Tournament

BY SARAH NIEBLER
Weekly Sports Writer

The Women's Basketball team headed into Thanksgiving Break with a 2-1 record after finishing second in the Scotty Wood Tournament and then defeating Elmira on Tuesday Nov. 21. The Mules defeated Washington & Jefferson in the first round of Scotty Wood by the score of 77-41, marking head coach Tammy Smith's 100th career win at Muhlenberg. The Mule defense smothered Washington & Jefferson, as the Presidents were only able to convert 26 percent of their field goal opportunities. The Mules shot 42 percent in the field. Muhlenberg dominated much of the game and was able to play all fifteen members of the team. Freshmen Erin DeVaney, Lindsay Tis, Susan Marchiano and Amber Nelson all scored in their first collegiate game.

Experience for the Mules prevailed offensively, as Junior Jenn Risley led the Mule attack with eleven points and Senior captain Jess Drennan added ten points and a team high six rebounds. Senior Val Uras also contributed ten points to the Mule offense, draining three pointers.

The Mules did not fare as well in the Championship Game of the Scotty Wood Tournament as they did against Washington & Jefferson. The Mules took an early lead in the first half of the final, but their defense could not hold off the Middlebury offensive attack and the Mules trailed at halftime by 29-26. The Mules fought back in the second half, but could not make up the ground and they lost the hard fought game 66-60. Drennan led Muhlenberg with eighteen points and twelve rebounds while Risley and Junior Lindsay St. Lawrence added fourteen and seventeen points respectively. Despite the effort, captain Drennan said the team was "disappointed in the second place finish." She said the team was confident after their victory over W & J and really wanted to bring the Scotty Wood title to Muhlenberg.

The Mules recovered quickly from their defeat against Middlebury on Saturday November 18 as they traveled to Elmira College in New York on Monday, Nov. 21. "We really had to dig deep for Elmira," Drennan commented. The Mules dug deep and held Elmira to 55 points as they beat the Eagles by the final tally of 64-55. "We trailed a little bit at the beginning, but we made some adjustments in the lineup," she said.

The Mules got a strong performance off the bench, led by Marchiano who scored eleven points. Nelson also helped fuel the bench attack. The Mules were led offensively by Drennan who had twenty points and nine rebounds.. St. Lawrence added fifteen points and five steals.

After defeating Elmira, the Mules go over a week without a game, but they make up for the time off by playing four games in the next seven days.

They start off this four game stretch tonight at home against archrival Moravian. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6:00 pm while the Varsity tips off at 8:00. The Mules then begin their league play taking on Franklin and Marshall on Saturday at F & M. The Mules then face local rival Allentown College on Dec. 4 and finally return home to play Bryn Mawr on Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm.

Drennan notes that playing well in the next week is key to starting off the season well. She says that even though Moravian and Allentown are not league games, it is important for the Mules to play well. "No matter how good or bad Allentown and Moravian are, anything can happen. Our pride is at stake. We have a big week and we need to play well."

Senior sports symphony

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game as being "more important because it will be the game I think about the most for the rest of my life." He added, "There is an extra energy you get from the last time you do something."

The fact is, you never quite do know when your last play will take place as an athlete. When the whistle blows, and the crowd begins leaving the stands, memories remain. "It will be a little sad. It probably won't hit me right away, it will probably take a couple of days," remarked Burke.

"I don't think I'll play differently," said DeBiasse. "When it comes down to the third and fourth quarter, it may be the last time I run down the field for a punt. Any play could be your last. That can be a weird feeling. I don't want to get too caught up in it but it helps in terms of motivation."

Dave Paxson of the soccer team thought his final game was "weird" because the team lost in the championships.

Jen Sands had a similar scenario, playing in a tournament in her last game and not knowing whether it would be her last, or if there was more to come. "I looked up on the clock and thought this could be the last ten minutes I'll ever play," she recalled. Emotionally, the final game took its toll on Sands. "It was tough," she said, "It was something I have played for the past 15 years of my life. It was a great season but it was over. That's it. What do you do with yourself now? Where does your competitive edge go?" Sands concluded that the season came to a happy ending because it was so successful, but sad because it was just that, and ending.

Several Muhlenberg athletes have visions of continued competition after graduation. In this respect, perhaps the final games they play won't be as significant as compared to those who will terminate their organized sports lives on Muhlenberg soil. "We [teammates and I] want to find a club team in the future and find another way to play," said Lambert. Burke also added that he plans on playing football once he graduates.

In a world with so few sure things, one's last game as a college athlete is one of them. As a first year student athlete, time is the only divider between the present and four years down the road.

Even with 2nd place in tournament, Men's basketball off to rough start

BY MIKE HOGENTOGLER
Weekly Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg men's basketball team opened the 2000 season with a 73-64 defeat of visiting Wentworth Tech in the first round of the Scotty Wood Tournament. The victory gave the Mules their 18th straight trip to the finals of the tournament. However, the victory was not a runaway, for the Mules found themselves trailing with 12:27 remaining in the contest. But Aaron Holden's layup sparked a 14-0 run by the Mules on their way to the win. Holden led the Mules in scoring with 19 points on 7 of 9 shooting from the floor, a personal career high for points scored in a game. Junior Michael Barletta added two clutch threes down the stretch on his way to an impressive performance, contributing 16 points and 3 assists to the victory. Sophomore Toomey Anderson added a career-best 15 points while fellow Sophomore John Strom added 11 points and 7 rebounds.

With the first round win, the Mules were seeking their 7th tournament championship in the last eight years when they met Salisbury State in the championship match of the tournament. With the Mules trailing with two minutes to play, Michael Rossmell hit a key three pointer to shorten the Salisbury lead. Then, with 0:26 remaining in regulation, Muhlenberg guard Michael Barletta drilled a three to tie the game. However, the Mules' championship dreams were dashed as Salisbury State knocked down a three pointer with only three seconds remaining in the game to give the visitors the 81-78 victory and the tournament title. The loss evened the Mules' record at 1-1 on the year and overshadowed the offensive production of both Rossmell (career high 19 points) and Barletta (12 points, 3 assists). Sophomore Anthony Strachan went 6 for 8 from the floor and hit 7 of 8 foul shots to set a personal career best with 19 points while Strom added a career-high 13 points. The Mules were also out-rebounded in the contest, 38-30. For their respective performances, Barletta and Rossmell were named to the All-Tournament Team.

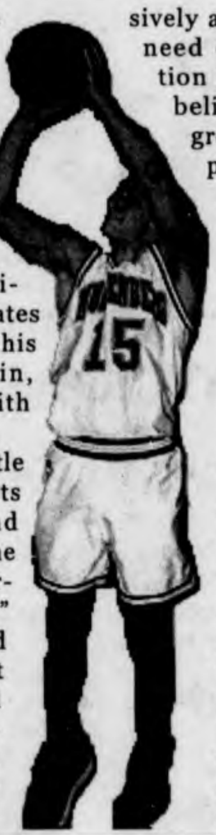
Following the conclusion of the tip-off tournament, the Mules traveled to Beaver College for an early non-conference matchup. Despite finding themselves facing a fourteen point deficit with only 9:00 remaining in the contest, the Mules rallied and went on a 19-6 run over the final span of the game to narrow the score. However, a last second three point shot rattled off the rim and gave Beaver College a thrilling 51-48 victory over the visiting Mules. Despite out-rebounding the home team 38-34, the Mules were only able to muster a shooting percentage of 34.5% for the game. Junior Bill Cwieka contributed 11 points while Barletta scored a game-high 14 points. The game also marked the return of Mark Lesko, who chipped in with 6 points. The loss dropped the Mules' overall record to 1-2 for the season.

Muhlenberg will look to bring their two game losing skid to a halt when they travel to conference rival Franklin & Marshall on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in their first Centennial Conference game of the season.

Profile of a Mule

Shooting for the higher goals not a problem for Barletta

By Courtney Russell
Sports Editor



Junior Michael Barletta has one word on his mind when it comes to basketball: team. Playing since the third grade, he has learned the true meaning of hard work and what it takes to have success in an athletic program.

Barletta's high school experience was one that prepared him greatly for his future endeavors in basketball. The program was rather intense, and the entire team was extremely devoted to winning. As a result, the entire city had a lot of respect for the men's basketball team and, in turn, the players "received a great deal of recognition and praise."

He noted that "high school definitely prepared me for college sports. It showed me what I needed to do to get better and taught me a lot of work ethic." Barletta eventually learned of Muhlenberg through a recruitment process in the latter part of his high school career. He came here only to be greeted by another devoted and talented group of individuals who compose the squad.

Entering his third season as a guard, Barletta has seen a number of improvements in men's basketball at Muhlenberg. The most noticeable change is that the "guys are closer this year than we have ever been before. We all know each other and our individual styles, which helps us better on the court." This will contribute to the team's ability to excel this season. He also comments, "We are not going to win with one or two guys contributing; we need all of the players to have a big role and this season we definitely have the talent to go very far."

Barletta's confidence in his teammates is evident through his role as co-captain, which he shares with Junior Mark Lesko.

Barletta takes little praise for his efforts as co-captain, and merely notes that he contributes "leadership." "Success," Barletta states, "and a win against Franklin and Marshall this Saturday will be found with getting every one involved offensively and defensively. We need consistent production from everyone." He believes the team has a great deal of talent and potential and, with the right attitude and teamwork, will get very far. "I want to go to the NCAA Tournament more than anything," he commented, when asked about his recent All-Tournament Team Award he earned at Scotty Wood. "It was an honorto receive the award, but a championship would be the ultimate accomplishment."

In order to further encourage overall team success, the Mules travel to Europe every three years. This summer they ventured to Spain. Barletta reminisces about the trip, talking about the experiences he enjoyed, including both basketball and sightseeing. Some of his favorite times, he says, include the "Rock of Gibraltar, Hacksaw Strachan, and the Bollo Cwieka."

He had an excellent time on this trip, and continues to maintain great relationships with his teammates now that they are back at Muhlenberg. As an entrepreneurial study major, Barletta hopes to one day open a business with fellow players Bill Cwieka and Timmy McFarland.

As for now, Barletta looks forward to a great season and having all of the team put 100 percent into the game.

No Holz Barred

The seniors' swan song

By Jared Holz
Business Manager

Playing college sports is like sitting on death row. It is only a matter of time before your last game as an athlete. Of course there are the exceptions that go on to play on other levels, but at a Division III school, most competitors have a clear sense of when their last game, match or race will come.

This is a weird phenomenon. Each athlete has his or her 'Last Supper,' so to speak. The feast before the famine must take its toll, if not physically, then definitely mentally. The football team finished its regular season a few Saturdays ago, and won the ECAC contest versus Wilkes. For most of the seniors, this is their swan song as a college athlete. Four years of dedication, training and preparation builds up to a final climax this weekend. For other athletes, their curtain call has come and gone. The field hockey season came to a conclusion a few weeks ago, and girls' soccer was defeated to stymie their efforts to win the Division III national crown.

Emotions are forced to run wild during these final conquests. This is it. One last chance to play competitive sports. Recreation leagues, little leagues, and high school memories peak and the calendar date is circled for the final time. On a professional level, this is never the case. Most athletes never have a clue when they will hang up their cleats until several years into their careers. College is distinctly different because as a freshman, you know that four years later, competition is over, bonds made, games are won and lost, and life goes on.

Ron DeBiasse has played on the Mule football team since his freshman year, and views his final game this Saturday as a compilation of his four years. "Coming into the last game and knowing it is going to be the last one will be realized....The last time you lace up your cleats, last time you get your ankles taped, last time you go to Tuesday practice," he said. "Things that you always do will seem like a big deal because you are doing it for the last time."

Defensive standout Mike Burke commented that preparation for his final game will be the same as it has been throughout his career, but that the game will be "more important" because it will be the last game he plays at the college level. "I am also trying to break some records so I will try to go out on a good note."

Kerry Lambert has already played her last game as a member of the field hockey team. Her positive outlook on her athletic career has been the catalyst behind her success and the fact that she also plays lacrosse in the spring made it easier for her to realize her final game as a field hockey player. "I always had the mindset that I had another season. The impact will be stronger when the lacrosse season ends."

DeBiasse describes his final

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Wrestling takes 7th at Red Dragon

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

In its third outing of the 2000-2001 season, the Muhlenberg wrestling team came in seventh place at the Red Dragon Invitational at Oneonta State. The Mules finished with a team score of 40, coming in 28 points behind tournament champion Western Maryland.

The Mules were led by Junior co-captain Bill Holsinger, who continued his strong start to the season with a second place finish. Holsinger (149 pounds) had three victories in a row before getting to the final match in his weight class against Messiah's Andy Vogel. Vogel, the 1998 Ohio State High School champion, defeated Holsinger in a close match 3-2.

Holsinger was one among five other place winners that the Mules had that day. Sophomores Nate Yeasted (133) and Joe Salerno (157) took third place after victories in their consolation matches. Yeasted defeated Tom Lewellyn of Cortland State 3-1, and Salerno was victorious over Plymouth State's Lee Miller 1-0. Seniors Jason McLean (141) and Dan Ochoa (174) came in 5th and 6th place.

Other Muhlenberg wrestlers who had victories in the tournament were freshmen David Brown, Shawn Zeplin and Evan Wright.

The Mules' next tournament is at Messiah for the Petrofes Invitational on Friday, Dec. 1, and Saturday, Dec. 2. This will be the final tournament before the Mules begin their Centennial Conference schedule when they play host to Western Maryland, the defending Centennial Conference wrestling champions on Dec. 5.

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Sports

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For football, Championship is crowning achievement

Team goes from a dismal 1-9 to an amazing 9-2 in just four years

By Mike Billet
Sports Editor

The Mules (8-2) defeated the Wilkes Colonels (5-5) in the final game of the season, claiming the ECAC Division III Southwest Football Championship at Scotty Wood Stadium on Nov. 18. The cold, chilly weather contributed to six turnovers, 14 combined penalties, and missed field goal attempts for both teams.

The game started off well for the Mules when on the third play from scrimmage, Freshman Matt Bernardo ran 43 yards through a gaping hole created by a block from wide receiver Alfredo Mercuri and into the end zone.

The Mules' defense held Wilkes to three and out on its very first possession of the game, and forced the punt. Josh Carter went to receive the ball on the 36-yard line, but in his attempt to catch the ball, a Wilkes defender slammed into Carter and forced the ball loose. Wilkes recovered the fumble on the Mules 36-yard line, and scored after three plays, tying the game at 7.

The offense went three and out on their next possession and forced the defense to take the field once again. On their ensuing drive, Wilkes drove down the field 36 yards to the Mules 32-yard line. With 4th and four to go on the Mules 32-yard line, the Colonels opted to go for it on fourth down. The Colonels were unable to convert on fourth down, and gave the ball back to the Mules. Unfortunately, after a few McCabe passes, Bernardo fumbled the ball right back to Wilkes. The defense came up strong, and Wilkes did not convert.

With 2:17 remaining in the first quarter, the Wilkes offense tried to put together a drive. However, on the first play of the drive, Junior Defensive Lineman Richard Zrebiec sacked quarterback Justin Carl. The Colonels had to settle for a 35-yard field goal by kicker Ian Silverman, which put them ahead 10-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Photo by Scott Swartz
The Mules celebrate with their ECAC Southwest Trophy.

After a missed field goal by Dickinson, Wilkes went three and out and punted the ball back to the Mules. This time, McCabe threw a 23-yard pass to wide receiver Jim DePreta to set up up the Mules on Wilkes' 13-yard line. The Mules were able to pound the ball into the end zone thanks to a 13 yard run by Bernardo. Dickinson continued his woes as he missed the extra point attempt, making the score 13-10, and putting Wilkes within a field goal of the Mules.

Photo by Scott Swartz
McCabe completed a record-setting career with 215 yards and one touchdown.

On its next drive, Wilkes ate up over five minutes of clock with an eight play drive which took them 38 yards down the field, and barely into Mules territory. The Colonels were forced to punt, and Muhlenberg received the ball on their 34-yard line.

With 2:38 left to go in the half, the Mules put together an impressive eight play, 66-yard drive. Two big passes from McCabe to Carter and Alfredo Mercuri for a net gain of 59 yard set up the Mules on Wilke's 7-yard line. McCabe threw the option pass to Bernardo, who ran into the end zone for a touchdown. Once again, Dickinson missed the extra point. The Mules went into the locker room at half leading 19-10.

The Mules kicked off to Wilkes to begin the second half, but Wilkes' offense went three and out on their first possession of the second half. The Mules got the ball back, but were unable to muster any offense and went three and out on their drive as well. On the next drive, Carl was sacked by defensive end David Jones forcing 4th and 17 on Wilke's 42-yard line. Wilkes opted to punt, but Carter ran the ball back for two yards.

Soon after, on third and ten, McCabe completed an 18-yard pass to Carter to set up the ball on the Mules 46-yard line. On third and thirteen, McCabe came up with another big play, a 15-yard pass to Mercuri to extend this drive. After two plays for a net gain of three yards, McCabe completed an 18-yard pass to Carter that set up the ball on Wilke's 22-yard line. On the very next play, McCabe threw a touchdown pass to Carter to end the scoring drought of the third quarter. Replacement kicker Chris Reed successfully attempted the extra point attempt making the score 26-10.

McCabe said "Overall, our team displayed a great team effort. Wilkes is ranked defensively as one of the top ranked nations in the entire nation. It was important for us to establish run to open up the passing game. Our defense and special teams played extremely well. Ever since the players of the senior class were freshman, Coach Donnelly and his staff have gone to great lengths to improve this football team, starting with off-season condition and teaching us that we can be successful in every game we play. The drive to be successful and the belief that we can win every game we play is the major difference that Coach Donnelly and his staff has instilled in all of the players."

Photo by Scott Swartz
Freshman Matt Bernardo was named the MVP.

Wilkes punted the ball back to the Mules in the fourth quarter. On this drive, McCabe fumbled the ball on the Mules' 19-yard line and the ball was recovered by Wilkes' defense. Wilkes' capitalized on this turnover when wide receiver Ryan James ran the ball 20 yards and into the end zone. Wilkes opted for the two point conversion, but the conversion failed making the score 26-16. On the next drive, the Mules went three and out and punted the ball back to the Colonels. On the next two possessions, Carl and McCabe exchanged interceptions.

Wilkes rallied back with a 33-yard touchdown pass byCarl. However, Silverman missed the extra point attempt, which would have closed the lead to three. The Mules held on to win the game 26-22.

The Mules closed this season in exciting fashion. Bernardo, who rushed for 69 yards and three touchdowns, was named MVP.

Bernado commented on the game saying, "Wilkes was a good defensive team. This game was a real testament to our seniors who in their first year were 1-9 and have helped turned this program around to 9-2. I am honored to be the MVP of the game."

After Head Coach Mike Donnelly took over the program, the football team has prospered. This season the Mules had an overall record of 9-2. Much of the improvement is due to the departing seniors, including quarterback McCabe and defensive end Jones who will be sorely missed next year.

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Who's the bad neighbor?

It depends on whom you ask.

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Neighbors and students living off campus came together last Wednesday in a meeting where both parties wrestled with issues of contention—but resolved little—ranging from parking to trash collection.

The forum, which was hosted by Dr. Jack Gambino's "Building Civic Literacy" class, was sparsely attended; fewer than 10 residents showed, with similar participation from students outside Gambino's class.

Those who did attend, however, had some sharp words, both for the College and for students and neighbors that weren't present.

Neighboring residents contended that the College's sprawl has saturated their streets with students' cars; the College responded later that it limits the number of cars per MILE house and that it controls the students who are allowed to live off campus.

Students argued that residents sometimes are slow to accept them as part of the neighborhood; residents countered that it's tiring to teach new students common neighborhood courtesy every year.

The main argument from neighbors was that the College's vast increase in size—it has gone from around 1,500 to over 2,000 in about five years—has changed the climate of the area and has caused friction between students and residents that isn't exactly anyone's fault.

The most prevalent aspect that has changed is the number of cars that fill the streets. On any given day now, many agreed that it is nearly impossible to find a spot in any street immediately surrounding the College and quite difficult to find one in areas off campus where a concentration of students live in MILE houses or in other housing.

"Living there before there were students in the neighborhood, I remember that everyone just parked in the same spot," Barb Shultz, an area resident, said, "and there were always extra spots for visitors."

But such courteous intricacies were many times lost on students moving into a neighborhood for the first time.

"We came into living in this house not understanding that everyone had their own spot," Jessica McCourt, a senior, said of her house east of campus. "We would get dirty looks from neighbors, but they never came up to us to explain."

A main concern was that every year, a new wave of students moves into the surrounding area, and all the same conflicts come up year after year, causing the neighborhoods collective patience to run thin.

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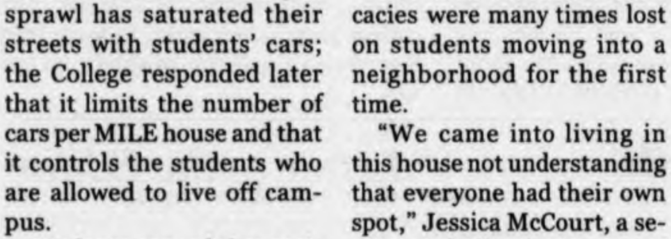

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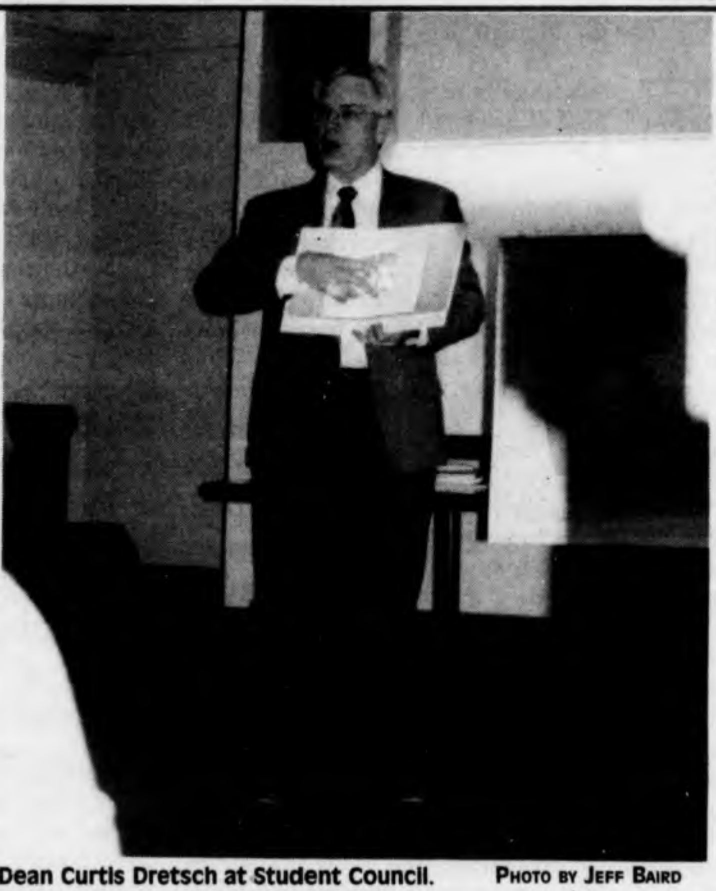
The meeting sponsored by Gambino's class.



Dean Curtis Dretsch at Student Council. Photo by Jeff Baird

Deans show final plans for new buildings

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

The plans for the ambitious Capital Campaign building project were unveiled at the Student Council meeting last Thursday. Deans Curtis Dretsch and Rudy Ehrenberg were on hand to explain the details of the plans and to field any student concerns or queries.

"This is classy stuff," Drestch said of the first project, the building of two new residence halls just west of Trexler Pavilion. Questions surfaced when Drestch outlined the details of

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Questions on effect of recycling effort

By Andrew May and Lauren Lopchinsky
Weekly Staff Writers

Concerns have been raised as to the reality of the campus recycling program. Recyclables have been mixed with trash, and trash with recyclables, resulting in the combination of all solid waste as trash.

Lately, concerns have been expressed that recyclables have been mixed with trash, and trash with recyclables, resulting in the combining of all solid waste into garbage. Simply put, even recyclables are being thrown out with regular garbage, because of students dumping non-recyclable garbage into them.

Dick Begbie, Director of Seegers Union, seemed to think the problem lay with the students.

"The key to improving this problem is that members of the campus community must appropriately use [the recycling bins]." These bins, said Begbie, are properly marked in the lobby of Seegers Union, inside of General's Quarters, and outside of the mailbox area.

Begbie then added that students should know that when using the trash outside of the mailboxes, the three different holes in each box are cut appropriately to the recyclable that it should take. If they are all mixed together, then it all becomes trash.

Matt Jones, President of EnAct, described the problem as a campus-wide apathy toward recycling. To alleviate the problem with recycling, he suggests, "the student body needs to set an example by demonstrating that they care. Some easy ways they can do that is to recycle, and to do it appropriately, and to not throw trash in the paper recycling."

To help students know what exactly should be recycled and what should not, expect signs from EnAct to show exactly what products can be thrown in recycling bins and what cannot. Also, Jones and EnAct encourage students to clean the remains of their food off of recyclable plates or containers.

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Photo by Jeff Baird

A student throws paper in the trash bin.

Inside

Finding time for Allentown

Less Than Jake, a punk and ska band, took time out of its tour with Bon Jovi to play at Croc Rock. The band revealed all in a private interview with Weekly reviewers. Page 8.

Basketball Wins

The men's basketball team defeated the University of the Sciences, evening its record at 2-2. Page 12.

Return of a favorite

Campus Safety notes return with this issue, after three weeks off. Last week, scheduling problems prevented The Weekly from acquiring them on time. All notes since Thanksgiving are on page 7 for everyone's enjoyment.

OP/ED

Admission admits too many jocks: football gets the axe

Jeff Baird
News Editor

Just about as soon as Swarthmore College decided to pull its football program, a chorus of students cried out in rebellion. "You can't do this! You're stealing the character of our school!"

A word of clarification: Swarthmore announced this week that it would pull funding for its football, wrestling and women's badminton programs.

To be sure, there is much to criticize about Swarthmore College and the announcement it made—but there is little in the decision that doesn't follow a reasonable pattern of logic.

Either the protesters didn't know the real reasons for the decision or they have a selective way of looking at information. In truth, it's probably a mix of both.

What you won't hear on the picket lines in our neighbors' racket is that the College had a very sensible reason for pulling football from its funding: its coaches had placed enormous pressure on the admissions office to admit blocks of students targeted for the football program.

In fact, the athletic office at Swarthmore reserved 60 spaces in the pool of accepted students every year for football alone; another 60 were set aside for applicants interested in all other sports.

College officials said that amounted to between ten and 15 percent of the students they admitted. In other words, folks, that's 120 fewer students who would be admitted on merits of things other than sports.

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Swarthmore President Al Bloom explained further: every time the football team improved, it was because the admissions office granted the football coach the number of students he requested.

So basically, what happened every year was this: the football coach knocked on the door to the admissions office, requested a number of football recruits to be admitted that year, and the admissions office said, sure, why not?

That's the problem—Al Bloom or someone in admissions should have stepped in and said that 60 out of a small college's acceptances every year is way too much. A tri-captain of the football team himself said that "fifteen slots is a very viable number." He's right! Fifteen sounds like a great number to me. Maybe it's not enough to be a great football team and maybe it's not enough to win every year. But if a college admits an extraordinary number of students solely on the basis of their football ability, then that college has its priorities all wrong.

To their credit, the good people at Swarthmore College realized this, a bit late. If they had corrected the situation years ago by denying the football coach's ludicrous requests for a block of students in the freshman class, then they would have solved the problem without pulling funding for anyone and without destroying the character of the college.

As I said before, Swarthmore made a good decision, but announced it in an abominable way. It offered an insultingly brief statement in public and didn't even bother to call up the women's badminton team (they had to hear about it through word of mouth). Then, in an effort to inform students, it held a "fireside chat" where it overflowed the fireside and had to be moved to a larger location.

The meeting almost got out of hand because everyone was protesting something they knew very little about (though that's not incredibly rare for people our age). They were right to protest because they were blindsided.

This whole situation offers a pertinent lesson to us at Muhlenberg. We, of course, are not unfamiliar to insultingly brief statements regarding the athletic department (remember Steve Erber's surprise reversal of his position, announced in a two-line e-mail to The Muhlenberg Weekly?) and we are not strangers to the athletic department offering "a prioritization of one student group (the football team) over another Muhlenberg student group (Powder Puff) all directed at enhancing the football playing experience of Muhlenberg students." (That was from Erber's original position bluntly favoring the football team over a bunch of girls who just wanted to play on the field in front of their parents.)

What I don't know, of course, is how many students out of the pool of acceptances are accepted, more or less, for their football ability. I'd like to find out, personally, because Swarthmore's situation came from the fact that its admissions office had allowed so many students to enter that when the College finally realized its problem, the only solution it saw was to shut down football.

I don't think any of this is going on here, but the situation at Swarthmore underscores valid concerns about recruiting to Division III schools. Our college should be careful to learn from Swarthmore and not misplace its values.

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A Republican defends his open mind

Ben Taylor
Weekly Guest Columnist

Why is it that Republicans get a bad rap? I am as open minded as the next person, and I can't understand why I'm getting a bad rap. Just because I am a Republican or disagree with what some people think, people say that I am close minded, and I am not. But yes, I am proud to say that I am a Republican.

I believe everyone should be treated equally and fairly, although I am against affirmative action. I believe that affirmative action hinders many businesses, and equality of employment. But I do believe that anyone who treats others unfairly or discriminates should be persecuted to the fullest extent. But yes, I am a Republican.

Although I am a Republican, I do not belong to the religious right. I believe highly in God, but I believe in the right for a woman to choose. I do not believe in abortion per se, but I do believe that a woman should have the right to do whatever she wants with her own body. I do not believe a baby is really viable until the third trimester. So do not group me with the abortion clinic bombers, because although I believe in God, I believe in a woman's right to choose. But yes, I am a Republican.

And on the subject of welfare, I am not for societal crutches. I believe that welfare, giving some aid to those who are willing to work, is okay. But not to those who want to sit on their butts and collect money from the government and the people. My parents are of the upper lower class, but they are willing to work hard for their money. This is how it should be—money should not be given out by the government. But I do believe that we should help those who are willing to work hard, but who have been dealt a bad hand. But yes, I am a Republican.

The government is there to protect contracts, protect our country from invasion, protect interstate commerce, and uphold the law. The state and local governments should handle everything else.

A federal government which is too

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Last week I was part of a unique experience. Gathered in one room, Allentown residents and Muhlenberg students voluntarily engaged in a dialogue that centered around our shared community and how we both can learn to be better neighbors. In the spirit of dialogue, we came to talk about issues that concern both groups and to gain a greater understanding and appreciation for each other's views. The only way we could do this was by throwing away the stereotypes that both groups attached to each other either fairly or unfairly. In our dialogue we brought these assumptions into the open and resolved that in order to make progress in our neighborhood relations, we would both have to assess the situation for what it is in reality, and not rely upon preconceived notions. What we actually found was a great deal of common ground. Although the

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Education not reflected in test scores

Brian Talbott
Asst. Op/Ed Editor

The Allentown School Districts were placed on Pennsylvania's academically distressed list on Monday. The schools are considered distressed when 50% or more of a district's students taking the state standardized test come in the bottom 25% in the math and reading sections in a two year combined period. Allentown scored in at 50.5%. Allentown now has three years to get its act together or the school board will be taken over by the state. Want to know what I think? Ridiculous.

The School District now has to come up with an improvement plan to raise the scores with the help of a local "School District Empowerment Team" and a state appointed "Academic Advisory Team." Once they think up this all empowering plan, the state will give them a $1.7 million grant to implement the changes. If the school fails, the state Board of Control usurps most of the power from the Board of Education and assumes control.

The test and program implemented by the state was most likely formed with the best of intentions but it cannot help the system. The citizens of the Allentown district vote in the best people for the job. How can the state possibly know the specific needs of each of its 501 public school districts? Taking over the board is not a solution. Changes take time. Who knows if three years is enough time.

By far the most important issue is that test scores cannot possibly measure the quality of schools. People come in so many different shapes and forms. Some people are good test takers, others are not. The sum of an education is not defined by test scores. Kids need to be taught how to be independent thinkers, not test takers.

How is Allentown going to attempt to get themselves off of the distressed list? By improving the test scores. The Allentown School District does need improving. Certainly no one will argue with that. However, please explain to me how improving the students' test taking abilities is going to better prepare them for college and the working world. By stressing the importance of the test scores, the District is teaching the kids that only numbers are important, nothing else. What about good writing skills, how to think out-of-the-box, or ethics and morals? How can these be captured by any statewide test? State Representative Pat Browne, whose district includes part of the Allentown School District, said "In terms of providing uniformity the PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment test) is the best way to compare the 501 public school districts."

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This test, however, can in no way account for the lack of money provided to the School District for their students. The one thing that the PSSA does do is award districts with the good scores with millions of dollars in grants. The districts with a lot more money are going to have a lot higher test scores. They have the money to make sure their kids are going to breeze through these tests. These schools are adding programs, not cutting them.

The Districts on the distressed list wouldn't be on the list if they had the money that some of the better scoring districts had. The $1.7 million grant the State gives is to the entire District. That money has to be divided between all the different schools. That money is hardly enough to initiate programs of any significance. Money needs to be spent on programs that improve the overall education of students, not improving test scores.

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Still a Republican

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strong creates homogeneity and takes away individuality. That is what the state is for. If I don't like what my state supports or believes in, then I should move to another state. When the federal government becomes too strong, it makes everyone and everything the same. Then this would be the purpose of having states and counties. If were up to the Naderites and Clintonites, this is how it would be. I am tired of those two groups telling me that I am close-minded. It is the Naderites and Clintonites that believe if you don't support their ideals, there are no ifs, ands or buts, and you are just wrong. That is what close-minded is. I am proud to say that I am a Republican and I have an open mind, and no matter what the self-righteous Naderites can say, I shall always have an open mind.

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Working together for better conditions

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students and Allentown residents may have held different views of the issues, we both recognized them as tensions, and listened to each other to understand where these views were founded.

The dialogue was a positive beginning to what could be the path to open communication and better neighborly relations between the residents and students. We recognized the need to take individual and group initiatives to forge a sustainable relationship. By working together, we will be able to serve the needs of residents and students living in a shared community. At the beginning of the meeting, we spoke about what it is to be a good neighbor. It is our intention, as a whole group, to initiate ongoing communication to foster better relations between Allentown residents and Muhlenberg students. I am confident that we will all learn to be good neighbors.

Kristen DiLorenzo
Class of 2002

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Weekly Discourse: Freedom of Speech

Should speech always be free, even at the expense of others?

Lucas Tomanelli
Asst. Life Editor

One of the most crucial points of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution is that it prohibits the government from restricting free speech, as long as it doesn't pose a clear and present danger to others. Freedom of speech is absolutely crucial to the American people, and in most cases, we cherish it. But where does the line end? When can the right to express oneself become dangerous to others? The answer to these questions is no mystery. Freedom of speech is one of the most important rights deemed to the American people in the Constitution, but some speech must be restricted at times when the safety, well being, and security of society is at stake.

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On October 15,1977 a sector of the American Nazi Party attempted to hold a march through the predominately Jewish town of Skokie, Illinois, which was also heavily populated with Holocaust survivors. Naturally, the authorities took drastic measures to prevent the march from taking place, by attaining a court order "to bar the parade," and then by passing "three ordinances aimed at preventing this kind of thing" in the future. Shortly after the local courts decision, the ACLU stepped in and challenged it, claiming that the courts couldn't restrict the free speech of the marchers.

Here we are faced with a dilemma concerning one right that was granted to all Americans in the constitution, over two hundred years ago, and another that isn't exactly mentioned in the constitution, but that we do take for granted: The right to free speech versus the right to feel safe in your own home, and in your home town. The right for the Neo-Nazis to march has always been protected under the First Amendment, and I am now challenging that right because I find it absolutely absurd that a white supremacist group could walk through my hometown chanting hateful remarks towards the Jewish population, and I wouldn't be able to do anything about it (yes, I am Jewish). Don't get me wrong; I, like most other Americans am very proud that we live in a nation where freedom is granted to everyone, and that non-violent opinions can always be expressed thanks to the Constitution. Yet, what I'm not proud of is the fact that no one takes into consideration the trauma that the people in Skokie, and many other communities around the nation have had to deal with when white supremacists, and other types of hate groups strike. What about the freedom and safety of the Skokie townspeople? You could say that there was no clear and present danger being posed to the people, and that it therefore was still allowed under the First Amendment, but who cares about clear and present danger when the group intended "to route their march through a town where it would cause the maximum of pain"? Should we as Americans be allowed to commit acts of such savage nature, and then say that it's protected under a document that our founding fathers created? The answer in this case, should clearly be no.

Unfortunately, I'm not completely sure where the answer to this problem lies. To prevent future marches similar to that of the Skokie march, the only solution that I can think of would be to create a clause that would prohibit Hate groups from marching in communities that are likely to be offended by such activity, which would be judged by the percentage of people that match the targeted characteristics. Yes, this would be violating the Free Speech clause of the First Amendment, and I am aware that this will most likely never happen. But to me, as important as free speech is in most cases, the freedom for individuals to feel safe in their own homes is much more important than allowing intolerant groups to roam the streets of America, chanting their cries of hate.

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Dr. Christopher Borick
Weekly Guest Columnist

Living in a free society requires citizens to bear many costs. While this statement is apparently a contradiction, it accurately depicts a reality of contemporary life in the United States. For example, in order to preserve the cherished right of freedom of expression that we hold as citizens of this nation, it is often necessary to withstand words and symbolic acts that may be both offensive and hateful. When we see the Klansman march or the bigot spew venomous words of hate it is natural to become angry and resentful. Their form of expression is offensive to many of the underlying beliefs of an overwhelming majority of Americans. Nevertheless as citizens of a nation that cherishes and protects the rights of individuals to speak and act freely it is necessary to allow expression that is in conflict with the fundamental values of the majority. It is the obligation of government, and especially the courts, to protect this right in a vigorous and thorough manner. With a few notable exceptions the American judiciary has done its part to protect First Amendment rights by strictly interpreting the right to free expression, even when the expression is widely considered to be offensive in nature.

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While the court's constitutional obligation is to allow individuals to express themselves freely, it does not mean that expressions of hate and intolerance must go unchecked by society. Instead it is the responsibility of the citizenry to challenge the failings of bigotry and prejudice. However, this challenge must not attempt to silence hateful and mean spirited speech through government edict, but by the clear superiority of ideas and the philosophy of tolerance. Attempts to block expression through government censorship limits the marketplace of ideas that is essential to the functioning of a vibrant democracy, and actually awards sympathy to many forms of hate speech.

A much more productive way of addressing intolerance rests not with the government but with the citizens of the nation. More specifically, it is the responsibility of citizens to peacefully challenge expressions of intolerance by exposing the underlying weaknesses and failings of such views and behaviors. Such challenges to bigoted and prejudiced expression may come in the form of very personal action such as responding to the racist remark of a friend, or more broad-based involvement in organizations that attempt to call attention to the weaknesses of intolerant expression. Make no mistake about it, such responsibility requires ongoing work from citizens in order to have a long term impact on decreasing the level of intolerance present in this nation. Yet in the end we must consider such work as a price of freedom.

Dr. Christopher Borick is an Assistant Professor of Political Science.

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Array of views on College citizenship in area

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Don't park in my spot!

With more students living off-campus, whether in MILE houses or on their own, the residents agreed that the increased number of students off campus, coupled with the fact that more bring cars than years ago, has the cumulative effect of an overflow of cars into areas that don't have a lot of students.

Miruna Lovin, who lives in the Millerheim House at Chew St. and 23rd St., said she and her friends are "always on the go" and drive everywhere, whether it's to class or to the store.

For some neighbors, it's offensive to have random cars parked in front of their houses.

"There's a great deal of pride in ownership in Allentown, and it goes way back," Joe Shields, a neighbor, said. "When the College started this encroachment, we told them, 'You are not going to destroy this neighborhood.'"

He said that when Lehigh University and other universities underwent similar expansion, it turned the surrounding areas into "slums."

But Mike Bruckner, Vice President of the College for Public Relations, said that the situation at Lehigh is far different from the one here and it's not a fair comparison.

"That's crazy—it's nuts," said Bruckner. "We're 94 percent residential. We have fewer than 200 people in the neighborhood."

The Princeton Review lists the College at 94 percent living in campus housing, while Lehigh is only 69 percent.

Kristin DiLorenzo, a junior and a member of Gambino's class, said that though starting with the class of 2005, sophomores will not be issued parking passes, that will probably not eliminate the problem. It would just cause more students to park off campus without registering with the College.

But Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg said that "the decision has not been made" about blocking sophomores from parking in student lots.

Nearing capacity?

And with the recent increase in enrollment, it doesn't look like the parking problems will go away any time soon.

"Every year, the College has told the faculty, 'We're going to hold the line—no more increases,'" Dr. Ludwig Schlecht, a professor of Philosophy and resident of Liberty St. and 25th St., said. "But every year, it's 50 more students."

"We are definitely trying to hold the line," Bruckner said, "but we can't put the College at risk."

The College has added some parking spaces in the areas behind the Trexler Pavilion and Benfer Hall (some of those will be tied up during construction of the new residence halls); it will add about 40 spaces when it creates what Taylor called an "unfortunate new lot" over the beach volleyball court by Fraternity Drive.

"If we go much further," Taylor said, "this will not be a green campus. It will be an urban campus."

"If anyone has a proposal that does not destroy the College, I'll be happy to hear it," Taylor added.

Ehrenberg said that he "can't control where students park," but he encourages them to be registered with the department of Campus Safety.

While neighbors argue that the College's increase in students has led to an "sprawl" into the area streets, Ehrenberg noted that the College has added 113 beds with the construction of Taylor Hall, 46 beds on the fourth floor of Walz Hall, 12 beds in Prosser Hall, and 12 beds in the Keck House. It has also implemented the MILE house program, which added 180 beds.

With the addition of 140 beds in the new residence halls, the number of additional beds is 504, almost exactly the increase in enrollment.

"Those buildings across the street have a $15 million bill," Taylor added.

Schlecht said that the last capital project—which included the new football stadium—still affects the neighborhood. He said that the College has promised to turn off its lights before 10:00 p.m. and "sometimes they do and sometimes they don't."

"I think the College has increasingly been a bad neighbor," Schlecht said. "A lot of the issues do go back to being a College problem."

The lights behind the field do not shine onto anyone's property—they were "computer-programmed" not to do so, Bruckner said—but they are visible from neighbors' windows.

"That was decided in the courts, and if they want to go back to the courts, they'll fail," Taylor said. "The judge said, 'Close your blinds.'"

PHOTOS BY JEFF BAIRD

Above, every parking spot on 23rd St. was taken Tuesday afternoon. Left, area residents gather in G.Q. for breakfast.

About parking:
"If anyone has a proposal that does not destroy the College, I'll be happy to hear it."
Arthur R. Taylor

About using the College:
"I think Muhlenberg is a great school; the students are nice...I've learned so much."
John Carver

Garbage day

The conflicts run deeper than expansion issues.

Behind many of the neighbors' complaints rested a strong sense that the students are not aware of neighborhood courtesy, perhaps because they have different schedules and different lifestyles than the rest of the residents.

As inane as it seems, one of the biggest issues of contention was trash. Neighbors said that many times students put their trash out on the wrong days, confuse garbage and recycling days and leave garbage out before they go on vacation.

Tom Burke, a resident and vice president of MAC-Watch (Muhlenberg Area Community Watch), said that some students in his area put beer cans on the curb on the wrong day at the beginning of the semester. "I went up to their door and handed them a recycling pamphlet," he said, explaining what days to put out what materials.

Ehrenberg said that the College informs its students of community policies—including trash and recycling days—and that the meetings are mandatory.

"I'll tell you something," Bruckner said. "There are a lot of colleges that don't educate and inform their students."

"We have too much respect for Allentown and the neighborhood" to allow anything to happen, he said.

"It's called responsibility," Shields said. "We all have our responsibilities in a shared community."

Many students in the area feel they have been an easy target, and are treated differently from how other neighbors are treated.

Lovin said that she approached neighbors and gave them a card with her phone number in case events at her house got too loud. But she said despite her overture, some neighbors (she had one in mind; he was not present at the meeting) called the police anyway. "We have not had one party this year," she said in protest, but the police had been called several times.

College administrators said that there has been a concerted effort to improve neighborhood relations in the past five years, and that the relationship between neighbors and the College is very good now, despite the noise that some people made at the Nov. 30 meeting.

McCourt said that "people come up to us and say, 'You're doing this and you're doing that,' when they don't even know our names."

Some student suggested that they should come to MAC-Watch meetings because the organization encourages them to become more assimilated in the neighborhood.

But Burke said that he is "not there yet," in regard to allowing students to attend meetings. Burke said he has a cautious attitude toward both the College administration and the student neighbors, and doesn't want his meetings to be more open. At the meetings, he said, the watch should be able to discuss points they will legally contest without worrying that their arguments would be turned over to the administration.

Bruckner, Ehrenberg and Taylor all agreed that most neighbors are content to live near the College.

Murray Milkman, for example, is a senior scholar, where he audits classes for only $40. "It offers me a wonderful opportunity to take some courses," he said.

John Carver also lives in the area and is a senior scholar, too. He eats breakfast in G.Q. several times each week and gets The New York Times at an educational discount.

Still others attend performances in theater and music.

At the meeting, Burke said: "I think the College has too much property to keep up. College maintenance needs to keep their properties up to snuff a little better."

Bruckner said that's not true.

"We bend over backwards to be good neighbors and to teach our students to be good neighbors," he said, adding that when it snows, both students and plant operations helps to clear the entire area, and the College does not confine its effort to maintain property to its own houses when it can help others, too.

"There is a predilection to blame Muhlenberg students that frankly is not right," Taylor said. "The ridiculous thing about this is that students aren't the only ones who throw trash and make noise. It's a thing called the human condition."

OFF CAMPUS

Tufts University—Sixteen University students barricaded a central administrative office in the face of arrest threats from police, protesting the University's discrimination policy. The protesters came equipped with a week of food and water, and offered staff members whose offices they displaced homemade cookies. The protest is the latest development in an ongoing controversy over whether the University should have allowed a bisexual student to hold a leadership position in a religious organization.

Gainsville, Fla.—Six young women in central Florida died recently of an overdose of what many think to be ecstacy. But forensic toxicologist Bruce Goldberger has found that in at least one of the women, the cause was a drug far more deadly than ecstacy, though at least one of the women who died thought she was taking ecstacy. The drug called PMA raises a person's body temperature to over 105 degrees and is often disguised as ecstacy, a more common drug. Goldberger said that just one pill of PMA could lead to death; when the body reaches 105 degrees, a person suffers permanent neurological damage.

Allentown, Pa.—The Allentown School District is now listed as 'distressed,' joining ten other schools in the state. In order to qualify as distressed, half of the students in a district must score in the bottom 25 percent on a statewide standardized test. Being listed as 'distressed' many times is the first step toward a state takeover; Allentown has three years to turn its district around. Once it submits a plan for doing that, it will be eligible for almost $2 million in state aid each year for three years.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High 38 Low 26	High 43 Low 25	High 41 Low 25

Recycling problems in Seegers

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Residue from food can be cleaned off at the recycling plant, while half of a meal cannot.

The impetus for recycling is that it has become an economically sound means of managing some of our solid waste, said Jones, which is why students are encouraged to be more careful when disposing of their trash, and to clean the excess food off of recyclables before placing them into the proper bin.

The first face through the red doors

Photo by Jeff Baird

By Allison C. Curd
Assistant News Editor

As many students know, the Admissions building is the first set of red doors they enter on the Muhlenberg campus. Undoubtedly, the first person with whom they speak once inside is receptionist Romie Missmer. Missmer is the Admissions Office's receptionist. She is responsible for taking all incoming calls and booking appointments for interviews and tours for potential students. She works closely with several student workers and aids the secretaries with clerical work as needed. She is also the cheerful face that greets new families and interested students.

Missmer has been an Allentown resident all her life. She graduated from Central Catholic High School and briefly attended Baum Art School, taking night classes. Earlier in her life it was her dream to become a commercial artist. However, after high school she made a decision not to pursue her dream and got a job instead. She became a bank teller for several years and then went to work for PP&L in their accounting division where she stayed for many years. After her three children were born, Missmer went to work part-time for the Allentown Teacher's Credit Union.

In 1964, she was married and she and her husband went on to have three daughters: Debbie, 35, Diane, 33 and Kim, 28 who is an alumna of Muhlenberg. Their daughter, Diane, resides in Georgia while her other two daughter live nearby. Missmer has five grandchildren with who she devotes much of her

Off-Duty with Romie Missmer

free time. She thoroughly enjoys baking and cooking with the girls while coloring is a favorite past time with her boy grandchildren. She also enjoys taking her grandchildren into New York City to view Broadway plays.

Missmer recently got back from a trip to Disney World with her children and grandchildren. "I had the time of my life at Disney World. I really saw Disney through the eyes of a child." In fact, Missmer enjoys Disney so much that for the past three years she has worked part-time at the Disney Store in the Lehigh Valley Mall. She finds this experience extremely enjoyable. "It's a fun job. I love seeing all of the kids' reactions to the store."

It is through her job at the Disney Store that Missmer has found a great satisfaction in volunteering. She has participated with some of her co-workers in the annual Revlon Run-Walk in NYC for the last two years. This is to raise money for women's cancers. "You meet people from all walks of life who have been touched by cancer." She has also volunteered for the Bowling for Dreams Come True Program and helped with the Special Olympics.

Missmer and her husband, a videographer for weddings, enjoy dancing, attending concerts and ice-skating. She also enjoys going to auctions and collecting Disney classic pieces. She still loves creating art as well. "I still dabble in it at home, water colors, oils, ceramics and pottery." She also loves partaking in another type of artwork - the creation of homemade gingerbread houses. Each year, she makes a different and unique one for her friends and family to enjoy.

Missmer joined the Muhlenberg family 14 years ago in 1986. She began working in the processing center in the downstairs of the Admissions building. It was her job to process all of the applications and respond to all of the inquiries for college literature and information. Following her processing job, she spent some time as a secretary. This led to her current job as the receptionist in Admissions. She very much enjoys the interaction with the students and tour guides and has formed some very close relationships with some of them. Graduation Day is always hard for her as she lose many cherished friendships with the students. "I have made so many friendships here at Muhlenberg that it is hard to see people [students and staff] move on." She still remains in contact with many of the students with whom she has worked. "I have had a lot of good, fun years here."

Deans present plans for new buildings

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the inside structure of the new dormitories, proudly noting the inclusion of large social spaces which are approximately the same size as current fraternity social spaces. The halls will be four stories high, separated into houses of 36 single rooms each. In the future, Dretsch said, the houses could potentially be occupied by large special interest groups, or even Greek-letter organizations.

The design process for the new buildings, which took a couple of years to complete, represents "high-end living," said Dretsch, who also admitted that the halls "will go to seniors most of the time," due to the forecasted popularity of the newly furnished residence hall.

Ehrenberg spoke about the room interiors, which include loftable beds--a commonplace amenity for anyone from the class of 2003 and below--all new furniture and a 3x6 window in each bedroom. The only flaw concerns Ehrenberg. "Rudy will have to park differently from now on," Dretsch commented.

Next, the Deans brought out the plans for the future Seegers Union, which will involve a major renovation involving almost every inch of space of the current Union.

The start date has not been set, but will begin during a summer, and will take approximately 12-16 months to complete.

The only rooms that will not be touched are the GQ and Rooms 108, 109 and 110. The roof will be blown off and replaced by a roof with skylights which will sit over a bridge to a second level of the Garden Room, complete with a serpentine glass wall and a new cafe area.

While Ehrenberg was gathering the construction plans for the Life Sports Center renovations, students began asking bolder questions about the future of construction on campus. Senior Andy Kent wanted to know, "Will you ever be satisfied with the growth?" The Deans replied that although it seems as though there has been a lot of construction squeezed into the past three years, the end of the presence of bulldozers is near.

Featuring a glass enclosure housing the fitness and weight equipment overlooking Scotty Wood Stadium, the Life Sports Center surely will be an improvement over the current Center.

Campus Safety Notes

Compiled by Brian Talbott and Allison Curd

Nov.13 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off at 2245 Gordon St. due to cooking-hot oil was poured into a hot pan.

Nov. 13 - Fire Safety Violation - A fire alarm went off in Benfer Hall due to smoking.

Nov. 13 - Vandalism - Pencil drawings found over a stall wall in a bathroom in East G.

Nov. 13 - Fire Safety Violation - Candles were discovered burning in Benfer Hall.

Nov. 13 - Injured Student - A student found a piece of glass in her food in Seegers Union.

Nov. 13 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm went off in Walz Hall due to burnt popcorn.

Nov. 14 - Vandalism - Four burning bushes were stomped on near East Hall.

Nov. 14 - Check Welfare - A sick student was transferred from Taylor Hall to the Health Center.

Nov. 15 - Possession of Stolen Property - A table stolen from Tremont Apartments was recovered.

Nov. 15 - Vandalism - A box was taped to the hood of a vehicle in the 26th St. lot.

Nov. 16 - Fire Alarm - Steam from a shower at 428 Albright St.

Nov. 16 - Fire Safety Violation - Trash was piled in front of an exit door at 428 Albright St.

Nov. 16 - Failure to Evacuate - 4 residents did not evacuate 428 Albright St. when their alarm went off.

Nov. 17 - Vandalism - A car's rear window was smashed on Allen St.

Nov. 17 - Harassment by Communication - An employee in Haas was harassed by an e-mail message.

Nov. 17 - Theft from Vehicle - A Kenwood radio was stolen from a car in front of TKE.

Nov. 17 - Vandalism - The back slots of a bench were kicked out by the C.A. lot.

Nov. 17 - Theft to vehicle - There was an attempted theft of a stereo from a vehicle at 23rd and Gordon.

Nov. 18 - Vandalism - Vandalism was reported in the C.A. lot.

Nov. 18 - Criminal mischief - A door in Prosser was found covered in masking tape and shaving cream.

Nov. 19 - Vandalism - A rear window of AEPi was broken and two students were referred to the Dean.

Nov. 19 - Alcohol violation - A student was arrested for underage drinking, possession of a false ID and public drunkeness.

Nov. 19 - Injured student - Student fell down a set of stairs and suffered a possible back injury at 432 Albright St.

Nov. 19 - An alcohol violation was reported at 432 Albright and a student was referred to the Dean.

Nov. 19 - A disturbance was reported on 3rd floor Prosser due to an argument between a boyfriend and girlfriend.

Nov. 19 - Disturbance - A student was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol at Walz.

Nov. 19 - A student was referred to the Dean after an alcohol violation TKE.

Nov. 19 - Vandalism - A garbage can was thrown under the doors of the Sig Ep house.

Nov. 19 - Trashing - Bags of room trash were thrown around the bathroom of Prosser.

Nov. 19 - Fire Alarm - Fire alarm due to food at 316 N 26th St.

Nov. 19 - MVA - A motor vehicle accident on the front circle was reported.

Nov. 19 - Indecent Assault - Suspect is another student on interm suspension.

Nov. 20 - Hit & Run - There was a hit and run on Chew. St.

Nov. 20 - Injured Student - Student injured as a result of a car accident at 411 22nd St.

Nov. 21 - Theft - Christmas lights were stolen from Sig Ep.

Nov. 21 - Theft -Wallet stolen from the East B bathroom.

Nov. 21 - Theft - A disabled placard was stolen from a vehicle in the ML lot.

Nov. 22 - Fire Alarm - Went off for an unknown reason at 2245 Liberty.

Nov. 22 - Criminal Mischief - A broken table and flipped chairs were discovered in Prosser.

Nov. 22 - A fire alarm went off in ML due to popcorn.

Nov. 22 - A fire alarm went off in Sig Ep, the result of possible cigerette smoking.

Nov. 22 - Fire Safety Violation - Drug paraphenalia was discovered in ML.

Nov. 22 - Alcohol - A student from Macgregor was referred to the Dean.

Nov. 22 - Alcohol violation - A student from AEPi was referred to the Dean.

Nov. 22 - Vandalism - A mailbox was destroyed at 2245 Liberty St.

Nov. 23 - Fire Safety Violation - A coffee pot was left on in Ettinger.

Nov. 25 - Vandalism - A door was torn off of a desk in the CA box office.

Nov. 27 - Theft - A black leather GAP jacket was stolen from Walz Hall.

Nov. 28 - Theft - An electric power Miter box was stolen from 2152 Chew. St.

Nov. 28 - Injured student - A student in East Hall cut their finger in East Hall.

Nov. 29 - Code Violation - A freshman with an auto violated a code.

Nov. 29 - Hit & Run - Hit and run on front circle.

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Dec. 1 - Alcohol Violation - Student was arrested for underage consumption and public drunkeness in Prosser.

Dec. 1 - A fire alarm went off in Benfer due to popcorn.

Dec. 1 - Vandalism to vehicle - A rear tailgate light was broken at Sig Ep.

Dec. 1 - Alcohol Violation - Several students from Hillside House were referred to the Dean.

Dec. 2 - Criminal Mischief - The two lights on either side of the front doors to the Trexler Pavilion were kicked in.

Dec. 2 - Trashing - Trash was thrown throughout Prosser.

Dec. 2 - Theft - A book was stolen from the library.

Dec. 2 - Trashing - Trash was thrown throughout Prosser.

Dec. 3 - Alcohol Violation - A student from Prosser was referred to the Dean.

Dec. 3 - Trashing - Smashed beer bottles were found in a Prosser bathroom.

Dec. 3 - Student on student harassment; sent to d ean.

Dec. 4 - Fire Alarm - A fire alarm due to burnt toast went off at 428 Albright St.

Dec. 4 - Missing person - ML resident was later located.

Dec. 4 - Student on student harassment; referred to dean.

Dec. 4 - Trashing - Assorted fast food items were thrown in a stairwell in Prosser.

Dec. 4 - Theft - A wreath was stolen off of the door of Ettinger.

Dec. 4 - Information - A code violation was reported on the front drive.

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AIDS speaker touches audience

By Rebekka Schnell
Assistant Life Editor

You must respect yourself before anyone can respect you. Don't just let anyone see you naked. It is a privilege for someone to see you naked. You must realize that you are sacred. You are all sacred.

Those are some of the messages that AIDS speaker Scott Fried relayed to a full forum at Moyer last Thursday night.

He told his story and explained that his carelessness and lack of respect for himself caused him to contract the HIV virus. The story was touching not just because Fried has HIV, it was his ablity to relate to every single person in the audience--from professor to student. He kept saying, "I'm just like you, no different." As the presentation continued, this message became more and more apparent.

At first, when you see Scott Fried, you do not think of a gay man with HIV. You think of a nice Jewish boy from New York with a cute smile and a short, but not by any means small, stature. He graduated from New York University and is very intelligent. However, Fried had the mentality that it couldn't happen to him. He is referring to HIV, and it DID happen to him. Fried emphasized that it can happen to you and you must do everything to protect yourself. Although this message was his primary focus, he didn't just talk about himself.

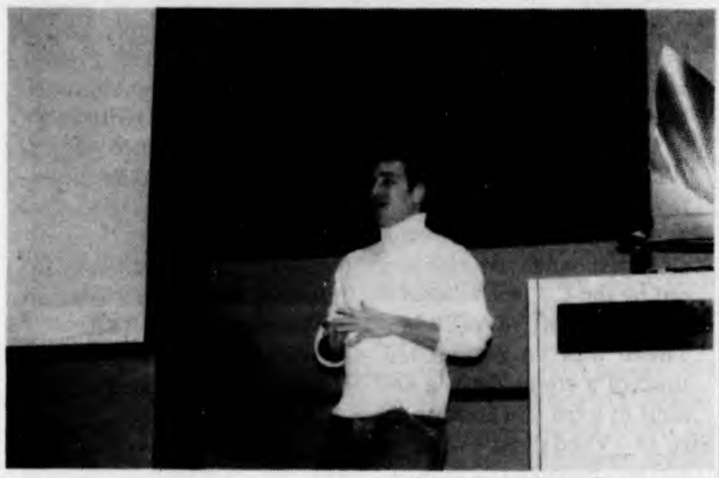
Photo by Abbi Sharofsky
Scott Fried moved some to tears during his speech in Moyer Hall last Thursday night.

"He brought to mind things he didn't even have to say, especially in my life," said Margaret Paul '04. The audience saw a slideshow dedicated to Fried's friend that died from AIDS.

Everyone walked away from this event deeply moved, if not with tears in their eyes.

Orchestra performs in Empie Theater

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

Wrapping up the Music Department's semester of concerts and recitals was the Muhlenberg Chamber Orchestra's performance on Sat., Dec. 2. The ensemble, now 25 students strong, included faculty and guests from Cedar Crest College and professionals as well. Empie Theatre was filled with members of the College community and Allentown patrons alike, all waiting expectantly to hear the music of Mozart, Bach, Telemann, Bizet and Copland. Directed by Dr. Douglas Ovens, the head of the Music Department, the Chamber Orchestra delivered its program with the skill of a group that had its heart in the music.

The first piece, Symphony No. 38 in D, Prague K. 504, was performed effortlessly, creating an enjoyable listening experience for both the

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Less Than Jake comes to Crocodile Rock

By Gabe Feinberg and Andy Winkler
Contributing Writers

The energetic punk/ska band Less Than Jake took a break from their tour with Bon Jovi to visit Allentown and play a show at the Crocodile Rock Café on Nov.13. Prior to their performance we had an opportunity to speak with a few members of Less Than Jake: JR, the saxophonist, Buddy, the trombonist, and Vinnie the drummer.

They shared with us the "real deal" behind their connection with Bon Jovi. On the way home from a show in New Jersey, Vinnie met Jon Bon Jovi in a bathroom at a rest stop on the Jersey Turnpike. After striking up a conversation, they went back to Jon's limousine and began playing dice games, a shared hobby of both musicians. During their hour in the limo the "stakes got big," and Vinnie put LTJ's new album, *Borders & Boundaries*,on the line. In response, Bon Jovi said that if he lost that his band would support Less Than Jake on their upcoming tour. As fate would have it, Vinnie won the round, and the opening spot on Bon Jovi's national tour.

On the tour bus, the band has been listening to a variety of music ranging from the new Radiohead album to Queen's greatest hits, and from Green Day to Ween. Buddy explained to us that the best part of touring around the world is neither playing to different audiences nor meeting interesting people, but rather "scoring the best toys," as he showed off his Homer Simpson beanie from Australia.

When asked about words of wisdom for young aspiring

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Mother Hicks showcases talented acting

By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

Compassion and life experience projected through gesture and the translation of a poetic vocabulary--this is expressed through the art of sign language. Through the gestures of Tuc, a deaf and mute observer of the desperation and distrust portrayed in life, we can examine the hard times and hopeful outlook of a bleak town in Suzan Zeder's Mother Hicks.

The ensemble of Hicks plays the hopeless townspeople of Ware, a small rural Illinois town during the Great Depression. Unfortunately, people in the town are experiencing various problems that never bothered them in the past. When these problems overwhelmed the townspeople, they looked to an outsider of the community, Mother Hicks. "They say Mother Hicks is a witch," said the ensemble. Many people

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Been there, done that...

November 30, 2000
AIDS speaker Scott Fried spoke as part of a number of events surrounding World AIDS Day. He spoke about living with HIV, among other issues associated with both HIV and AIDS.

December 6, 2000
The Girls Next Door, the new female acapella group, performed their debut concert in the lobby of Seeger's Union.

Coming up...

December 7, 2000
The study period begins at the conclusion of classes.

December 8, 14, 17, 2000
These days are study days. No exams should be scheduled for these days.

December 8-10, 2000
MAC will sponsor the viewing of "The Nutty Professor II" in the Red Door on Friday and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. The movie will be shown at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

December 10, 2000
There will be a MAC study break in the Red Door. Free Ice Cream Sundaes will be served and free massages will be given.

Dec. 19, 2000-Jan. 15, 2001
Winter break. All students must vacate the campus. Classes begin at 8 a.m. on January 16, 2001.

A Break in the Bubble...

After a month-long takeover struggle for Quaker Oats, PepsiCo acquired the company for $13.4 billion in stock.

Dick Cheney reassured Republicans of a Bush administration; Cheney will be the 51st Republican senator.

A look at... the top 20 albums of 2000

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Staff Writer

Radiohead – *Kid A*

With *Kid A*, Radiohead reinvented themselves and put together an alienating masterpiece. *Kid A* was a perfectly programmed record that had no frivolous elements; an album that redefined the concept of the rock band and the state of rock music, without forgetting about the songwriting. It also contained the year's most urgently beautiful song, the masterful, "How To Disappear Completely."

Aimee Mann –*Bachelor #2*

Bachelor #2 was a long deserved victory for singer-songwriter Aimee Mann in her battle against the music industry. The album spanned the length of 13 perfectly realized pop songs, among some of the best of her career. Mann found great success this year, first writing all of the songs for the film, *Magnolia*, which hinted at her maturity as a songwriter, culminating with *Bachelor # 2*.

It is scary to think an album this amazing was shelved for two years by her former label, forcing Mann to put it out herself this year; better late than never.

Outkast – *Stankonia*

Sexy, funky, nasty, raw and definitely stank, Outkast's fourth record, *Stankonia*, saw Outkast accomplish what they had been flirting with their whole career. The record introduced fresh sounds into hip hop music, like speedy drum and bass loops and seething electric guitar solos. Plus the record has this years sweetest hip hop confessional, "Ms. Jackson."

Eminem – *The Marshall Mathers LP*

Eminem's *The Marshall Mathers LP* was an album I wanted to hate initially, but it is just too damn good. Em is a lyrical genius, mixing clever phrasing with insightful and biting social commentary. Insulting, homophobic, violent and vulgar, *The Marshall Mathers LP* was one the best records to come out this year.

D'Angelo – *Voodoo*

This year D'Angelo gave new meaning to soul music. Backed by his band, The Soultronics, and including guest appearances by jazz greats Charlie Hayden and Roy Hargrove's, *Voodoo* was a smooth and sexy listen. Burn incense, lay back with that special someone, and let D seduce you with his soulful blend of retro – funk sex-music.

Quasimoto – *The Unseen*

Quasimoto is really an alter ego of rapper-producer Madlib. *The Unseen*, a comic book hip hop journey of the hero Quasimoto searching for some tight jazz, funk and soul beats. The album comes across as a collage of sounds, beats, samples, and lyrics. It is one of the most original hip hop records to come out in a long time, and is definitely this years best kept secret for hip hop fans.

Ida – *Will You Find Me*

Ida's *Will You Find Me* is this years most overlooked masterpiece. A lush and honest look at love, Daniel Littleton and Elizabeth Mitchell, the two main songwriters are married and their chemistry makes each of *Will You Find Me's* songs heartwarming and refreshing.

Yo La Tengo – *And then nothing turned itself inside out*

Yo La Tengo also has two of its three members married, and this record is another brilliant look at the uncertainty , jealousy, and self-examination one goes through when they are in love. And then nothing...is much more stripped down than Ida's record and incorporates jazz elements throughout.

This album marked a change in the classic indie groups from their earlier ten plus records, in that it is quieter, not as much distortion, and extremely fragile and tender.

Le Tigre – *Le Tigre*

Kathleen Hanna of the legendary riot grrl band, Bikini Kill, creates riot grrl's first new wave disco record. Even though the record is full with synth bleeps and blips, the songs still have a punk spirit...and oh yeah, they are really catchy and clever too.

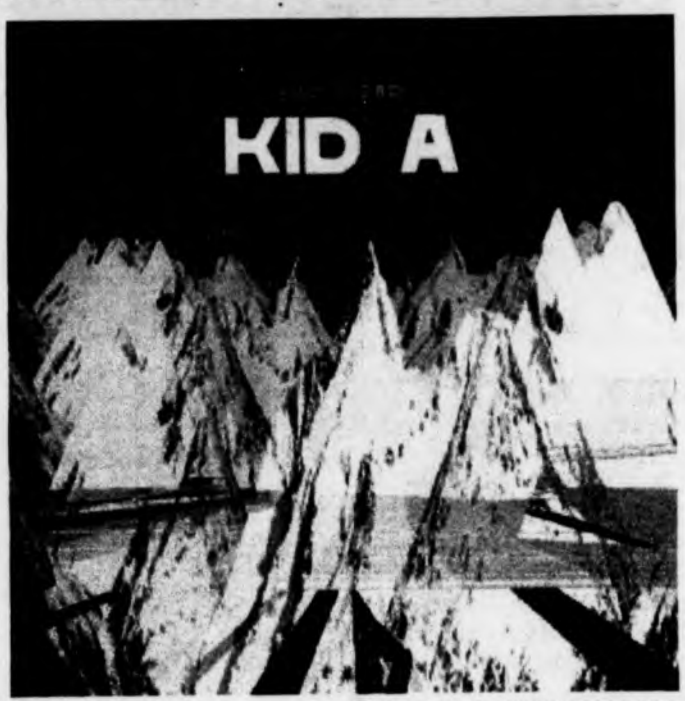
Reflection Eternal – *Train of Thought*

With *Train of Thought*, Kweli jumps out from behind his Blackstar partner, Mos Def's shadow and proves he is one of the illest emcees around. *Train of Thought* makes it cool to read books and give shout out's to your aunt on record, and still manages to rock the party.

Props are given to fresh producer, Hi–Tek , making up the other half of Reflection Eternal. His production on *Train of Thought* is consistent and complimentary of Kweli's fast delivery. Talented lyricist, talented producer, talented duo: The next Gangstarr.

Here's a list of those albums that deserve an honorable mention:

11) At The Drive-In – *Relationship of Command*
12) Sigur Ros – *Agaetis Byrjun*
13) Ghostface Killah – *Supreme Clientele*
14) Grandaddy– *The Sophtware Slump*
15) Jurassic 5 – *Quality Control*
16) Godspeed You Black Emperor – *Lift Yer Skinny Fists...*
17) Elliott Smith – *Figure 8*
18) Coldplay – *Parachutes*
19) Common – *Like Water For Chocolate*
20) Ryan Adams – *Heartbreaker*



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***Kid A* is a result of Radiohead's "re-inventing" of themselves.**

Poetry Corner

Touching the Sun

The noblest of intentions
Die like autumnal leaves.
Any light that shines through the season
Is proof that sight deceives.

Do you really think you can touch the sun?
Don't you know how hard I've tried?
Our wings are far too light to carry us,
But I'm not the one who will decide.

Strum the guitar slowly,
Or else you'll lose the song.
If you hide inside vibrato,
Then who can say you're wrong?

Do you really think you can touch the sun?
Don't you know how hard I've tried?
Broken wings are worse than death,
But I'm not the one who can decide.

Stones of a single color,
A congregation of ants,
And a dark, dark funeral pyre
May be the answer to romance.

Do you really think you can touch the sun?
Don't you know how hard I've tried?
Do you know what is at stake?
Aren't you scared your wings might break?
But then in the end, you will decide.

-Michael Lezman

life *movie listings*
December 8-10

AMC Tilghman 8

Unbreakable
Fri.— 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; Sat.— 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00; Sun.— 1:10, 4:10, 8:00

The Grinch
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10:15; Sat.— 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15; Sun.— 1:40, 4:40, 8:00

Charlie's Angels
Fri.—4:50, 8:00, 10:20; Sat.— 1:50, 4:50, 8:00, 10:20; Sun.— 1:50, 4:50, 8:20

102 Dalmations
Fri.—4:30, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.—2:00, 4:30, 8:45; Sun.—2:00, 4:30, 7:30

Pool of Life
Fri.—4:00, 7:10, 10:20; Sat.— 100, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20; Sun.— 1:00, 4:00, 8:10

Dungeons and Dragons
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.- 1:00, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sun - 1:00, 4:50, 8:10

Vertical Limit
Fri—4:20, 7:20, 10:30; Sat.— 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:30; Sun.— 1:20, 4:20, 8:15

Meet the Parents
Fri.—7:30; Sat.—1:30, 7:30; Sun.—1:30, 7:50

The 6th Day
Fri.—4:30, 10:10; Sat.—4:30, 10:10; Sun.—4:30

Special Engagement:
The Emperor's New Groove
Sat. - 7:00

Poetic vocabulary adds to power of performance

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project all their problems and fears upon Hicks, looking for the supernatural and witchcraft to answer their questions. Mother Hicks is scapegoat for all their problems. The problems associated with the Depreission were magnified due to their feeling that they were unbreakable.

David Stanger '02 plays Jake Hammon, a simple man who is looking for some future outside of the hard times of the Depression. He expresses the fears of his situation in which he is living and his inability to stop everything that is happening.

"Even a war's got enemies with bullets; but there's something happening in this country now, like a terrible silent storm. I can't see it, or hear it, and I don't know how to fight it, and it scare me." The belief that all things out of their control are the result of a spell cast on them.

Tuc, played by Michael J. Stark, projects his voice through his hands ands his interaction with the other cast members. The interpretations of signing in the states of mind projected through the lighting of the stage and the musical accompaniment of John Simolike '04 on the guitar provide so much insight into the lives of every character in Mother Hicks.

Lisa Daly '01 plays Girl, who tries to find an identity and a place she can call home. She searches for people that will love her, and in her search Daly finds herself through them. She tries to satisfy her security and identity needs, which ties into the theme of Zeder's plays. Audiences can see Daly express the emotions of a child with some emptiness and the need to fill that void inside her.

> *The ensemble gives Tuc a great voice through a collective interpretation with his amazing gestures.*

Professor Devon Allen, as the title character Mother Hicks, projects the image of a woman trying to keep within her and try to perform well to the world. "She is everything," is expressed through Tuc's interpretations. Hicks is distanced from others due to their own prejudices and unable to blame what they can't see. If it is death of a young child, or the loss of a job, or other misfortune, it must be Mother Hicks and her same old tricks. The likeliness of measles or the financial troubles of the Depression can't be accepted as a reason for their hardships.

The ensemble gives Tuc a great voice through a collective interpretation with his amazing gestures. Mother Hicks opens the hearts and imaginations to the townspeople, but also the audience at the Baker Theatre. The many different ways to experience life is portrayed through Tuc's explanation of how life is to him.

The humor of Rachel Shapiro '01, as Izzy Sue Ricks, shows her lack of knowledge when attempting to speak to Tuc by talking very loudly. The compassion and love expressed by the Wards, played by Josh Sigal '01 and Kelly Howe '03, makes the audiences understand what love is.

The audience was able to explore the power of gesture and translation of Tuc's poetic vocabulary, and find a new way to look upon our experiences.

Chamber orchestra wraps up semester

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audience and the players themselves. "Prague Symphony was my favorite piece," said senior Dan Barile, a bassoon player who only joined the ensemble this past semester. "The attendance was rather large...it was nice to see people coming out and supporting instrumental music at the College," he continued,, citing the increasing number of people at music concerts. Senior Johanna Dunkel also complimented the Prague Symphony, saying, "I liked it because it also involved the brass instruments. Overall, I thought it was a very diverse concert, the best one I've been to."

All of the other pieces in the concert received much praise, especially Georges Bizet's L'Arlesienne Suite, No. 1. The suite included four movements, each incorporating the strengths of different instrumental sections, while maintaining the delicate balance that exists in a chamber orchestra. Prior to the Bizet, the brass section went to the forefront for Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man, a popular American brass piece.

The audience left the concert feeling that they had been treated to a night of flawlessly performed music, a feat which will be accomplished again at the Chamber Orchestra's April concert. This concert was supported partly by a generous grant from the Bessie S. Graham/ Allentown Area Music Appreciation Trust.

The "real deal" behind Less than Jake

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musicians, they recommended playing as much as possible and raising funds. Use the money, they said, to record soon and often, and get on as many compilation albums as possible. Above all, don't get frustrated, and just keep pursuing the goal.

After opening acts Jersey and the Blue Meanies finished their sets, Less Than Jake exploded onto the stage to a packed house of punks and others from around the Lehigh Valley. While their dancer with a skeleton mask added to the show, the focus was on the music's sheer energy. The band started off with songs from a few of their numerous albums and other releases, including "All My Best Friends Are Metalheads" and "Johnny Quest Thinks We're Sellouts." They continued on, playing a relatively long punk set, singing of a teenage punk lifestyle, its difficulties and joys. The tight brass section provided a solid background for the strong and harmonic vocals. They ended the show with a bang, playing "Automatic" and "Last One Out of Liberty City."

After they finish up their tour with Bon Jovi, Less Than Jake plans to keep touring to promote their new album. We can expect to see them again on the Warped Tour in the summer of 2001.

Horoscopes

by Melissa Carrelli

♈ **Aries 3/21 - 4/19**
A great weight has been lifted off of your shoulders now that all of your assignments have been handed in today. But don't jump into the party scene just yet; make sure you are organized for your finals!

♉ **Taurus 4/20 - 5/20**
It's Thursday, the last day of classes, aren't you happy? Remember to set up times when you can meet with your study groups; helping out each other will make the studying less stressful.

♊ **Gemini 5/21 - 6/21**
I bet you're excited for those big plans you have after your last class today. Before you leave, make sure that you haven't forgotten to hand in any last minute work to your teachers!

♋ **Cancer 6/22 - 7/22**
Even though it seems that everyone around you is relieved that classes are over, you may not be feeling the same way. You've overworked yourself long enough; take a break and have fun tonight.

♌ **Leo 7/23 - 8/22**
Don't worry about finals; as long as you take your time with each subject, you'll be sure to do well. Think of it this way, stressed is desserts backwards!

♍ **Virgo 8/23 - 9/22**
I bet you're breathing a sigh a relief now that classes are finally over (or just about over). This semester has been a rough one for you, and you are ready to ace your finals; go for it!

♎ **Libra 9/23 - 10/22**
You are finally going to hand in that last paper or take that last test today. Celebrate and go out with your friends off campus tonight for dinner or to the movies.

♏ **Scorpio 10/23 - 11/21**
Right now I bet you're praying for snow on Saturday, so that your final will be cancelled. Instead of wishing for a miracle, work hard, and manage your time well, and you will persevere.

♐ **Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**
Now that classes are over, you have a little time to do some holiday shopping. Buying gifts for your friends and family members will be a nice break from all of that studying this weekend.

♑ **Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19**
Before plunging into your work this weekend, make sure you have all of your notes for each class. Study with the friend who has borrowed your notes for a class in the past, and you two will be sure to do well.

♒ **Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18**
It seems as if you have been working nonstop. All of the studying you have been doing over the past few weeks will finally pay off when finals come.

♓ **Pisces 2/19 3/20**
Don't let stress from finals interfere with friendships. Everyone has a lot on their minds right now, so try to be more understanding.

Wrestling defeats reigning Conference champion Western Maryland

Team moves to 2-1 overall; 1-0 in CC

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules defeated Centennial Conference foe and reigning champion Western Maryland on Tuesday, Dec. 5. Last season, the Green Terror upended the Mules by a score of 33-18 on their way to the championship.

Western Maryland looked to be very tough again this year as they returned a number of good wrestlers and added a couple of transfer students.

In talking about the Mules' opponent, Head Coach Tom Schleicher commented, "where we are strong, they are also strong and where we are weak, they are stronger."

Schleicher said that in order to come up with a victory over the strong Western Maryland team, the Mules would "have to win five bouts, and cannot give up bonus points."

> *"People are going to say that we got lucky, but we didn't get lucky."*
>
> Senior Jason McLean

The Mules did one better, winning six and the match against the Green Terror by the score of 27-23.

Sophomore Nate Yeasted, Senior Jason McLean and Junior Dave Jenning, who all pinned their opponents, led the team.

McLean wanted to dismiss the idea that the win was a fluke. He said, "People are going to say we got lucky, but we didn't get lucky. We wrestled well."

Schleicher was enthusiastic about the win. "We knocked off the defending Centennial Conference champion, who this year is ranked 23rd in Division III. We had a total team effort from a lot of our guys. I juggled the lineup, where I thought we were the strongest. This was a nice win for our program."

He continued to talk about their past matches, saying, "After a disappointing outing this weekend, I am glad that we came back to win this match. We are an up-and-coming team."

The "disappointing outing" he spoke of was the team's tenth place finish at the Petrofes Invitational, held at Messiah College.

The Mules ended up having six placers out of the nine weight classes they entered in, leading them to a team score of 67.5. It was a tale of ups and downs for the Mules as "Friday's dream became Saturday's nightmare," said Schleicher.

By the end of Friday, the Mules were at the top of the field in second place, but on Saturday everything went wrong as they "found ways to lose, instead of finding ways to win," says Schleicher.

Western Maryland came in first place with a score of 154, and was one of only three teams to get a score over one hundred points in the two-day tournament. Thiel and Ursinus were the others, with scores of 146.5 and 112.

For the second straight week, Junior co-captain Bill Holsinger (149 pounds) was the top place winner for the Mules. Holsinger was one of four Muhlenberg wrestlers to reach the semifinals in their weight classes.

He went 5-1 over the two days and improved his team-best record to 14-3 for the season. In his bout for third place, Holsinger defeated Steve Dedrick of Thiel College 10-5.

The Mules had five other wrestlers who won places at the Petrofes Invitational.

Sophomore Joe Salerno (157) came in fourth place after falling to Mount Union's Drew Zollars 5-3. McLean (141) took fifth place.

On his way to the fifth place finish, he had a rematch against Ursinus' Josh Moyer, who McLean had defeated at the King's Monarch Invitational. This time, Moyer pinned McLean in 4:20.

McLean defeated Mike Macey of Western Maryland 5-3 in overtime to finish in fifth place.

Yeasted finished in sixth place in the 133-pound weight class. Freshman David Brown came in eighth place at 125 pounds, and Jenning came in eighth place at 184.

The team has three dual meets over the winter break. The first is the North/South Duals at Ursinus on Jan. 6. The second takes them to Washington & Lee on Jan. 10. They will also face So. Virginia. Finally they will take on Maritime at King's Point on Jan. 13.

Women's basketball looks ahead to post-break matchups

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sively came against Elmira when the bench combined for 28 points. Of those points, Nelson, DeVaney, and Marchiano totaled 19. Marchiano, who leads the freshman attack with a total of 39 points, has been referred to as the team's "secret weapon."

Drennan said, "Sue always comes off the bench and gets a big steal or something. She gives us what we need."

Nelson has started two varsity games for the Mules this season and although she has gotten into foul trouble in those games, "she has been an asset to the team," says Drennan.

Despite the young help, the veterans are still carrying the Mules in terms of scoring. St. Lawrence leads the Mules with 76 points while Drennan follows close behind with 73 points of her own. She also leads the Mules in rebounds.

After facing Bryn Mawr last night, the Mules are off until immediately after the first of the year. Drennan says that the "heart of the season falls in January."

The team recognizes that the first few weeks of the season in December are often packed with distractions of finals and holiday breaks. When they return to the court in January, they look to emerge as a more confident and focused team. The Mules travel to King's College on Jan. 5 to compete in the Grotto Pizza Lady Monarch Classic Tournament.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Senior Captain Jess Drennan goes up for the rebound.

In the first round, the Mules face Salisbury State. When the team returns to regular season action, they will be taking on tough Centennial Conference East opponents Swarthmore, Washington, and Haverford. The team concluded its December regular season schedule last night at home against the Bryn Mawr Mawrters, and does not return home after Winter Break until Jan. 24 against Ursinus.

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- Muhlenberg Activities Council -

Saturday @ 7 p.m. in The Red Door
Movie:
Nutty Professor II: The Klumps

Sunday @ 3 p.m. in The Red Door
STUDY BREAK!!!
Movie
Free Massages
Free Ice Cream!

Good Luck on Finals!!!

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Men's basketball blows out University of the Sciences

Team rebounds from two game losing streak with 93-67 victory

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

The men's basketball team traveled to the University of the Sciences in the hopes of ending their two game losing streak.

The Mules needed no reminders that their last two defeats each came by the slim margin of three points. In response, the Mules demolished their hosts by 26 points, evening their overall record to 2-2 on the season.

The 93-67 victory marked the 200th win of head coach Dave Madeira's career in his 14th season at Muhlenberg. Madeira is only the third coach in Mules history to record 200 victories in a single sport.

The victory can be credited to the offensive explosion in which six different players scored in double figures. The game was effectively put out of reach when the Mules finished the first half with a 18-4 run to give themselves a 21 point lead at the break.

Junior Mike Barletta and Sophomore Michael Rossmell led all scorers with 17 points a piece. Sophomores Aaron Holden (8 rebounds) and Anthony Strachan, along with Junior Bill Cweika, contributed 13 points each. The game also marked the first start of the season for Captain Mark Lesko who returned from an injury. Lesko chipped in with 12 points in the contest.

The Mules looked to carry over the momentum for their runaway victory when they opened the Centennial Conference season with a visit to preseason favorite Franklin & Marshall. Despite trailing by seven points at the midpoint of the second half, the Mules rallied and tied the game at 50 with 5:53 left.

However, the F & M Diplomats stole the momentum from the Mules and strung together a 12-0 run to pull away and ice the victory over Muhlenberg. While Lesko led the Mules with 12 points and 8 rebounds before fouling out, the defense had problems containing F & M's Alex Kraft who scorched the Mules for 21 points and added 4 assists.

F & M had a total of four players reach double digits in scoring during the contest. For the Mules, Holden played another solid game, grabbing 8 rebounds while blocking 3 shots.

The loss dropped the Mules to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the Centennial Conference. Despite the loss, the Mules were fortunate to learn that all five teams in the Centennial Conference Eastern Division dropped their openers to Western Conference foes.

The Mules will look to bring their record back to .500 this Friday night when they host cross-town rival Moravian at 7:00 p.m. The game will be the last for the team until a Jan. 3 contest against Albright. A victory against Moravian will give the Mules some much-needed momentum heading into the semester break and the stretch run that follows.

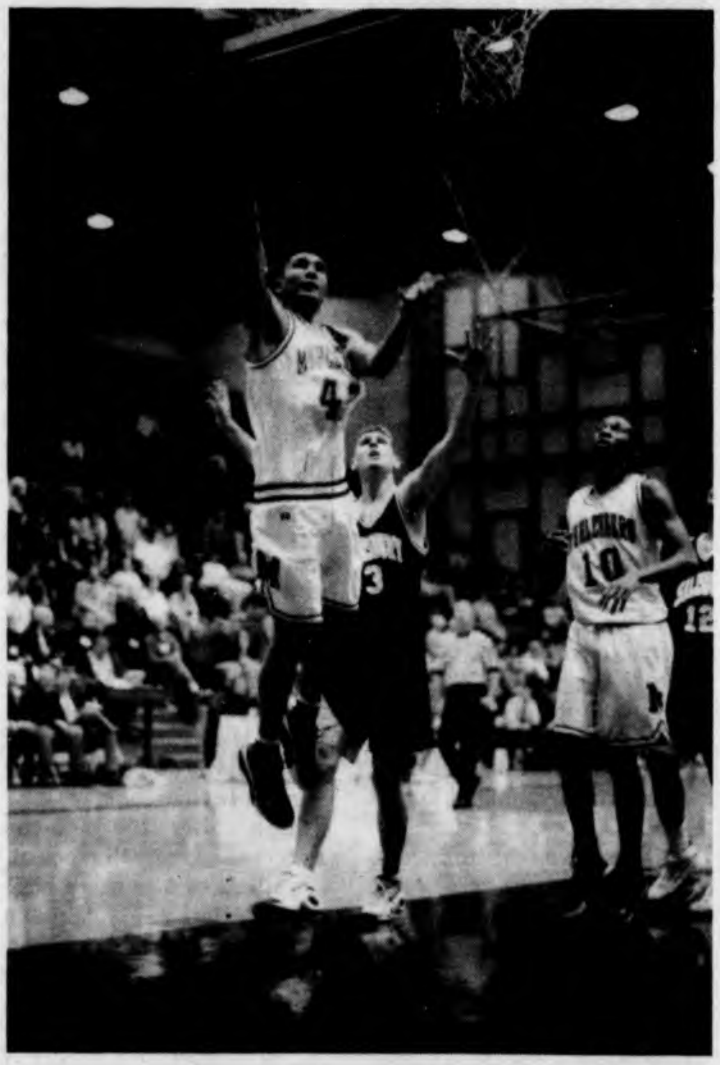

Photo by Scott Swartz

Guard Anthony Strachan (42) had 13 points and fellow sophomore Toomey Anderson (10) added six in the Mules' 93-67 bashing of the University of the Sciences.

Women's team fights hard but drops two tough ones to Allentown and F & M

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's basketball team continues to struggle in the win column despite playing very physical games against tough opponents.

After losing to Allentown on Monday night, the Mules dropped their overall record to 3-3 and remain 0-1 in the Centennial Conference. They were beaten in their first league match-up at Franklin & Marshall on Saturday by the score of 71-59.

Muhlenberg led by six points at halftime, but could not hold onto their lead as the Diplomats outscored them 45-27 in the second half. Senior Captain Jess Drennan led the Mules with 14 points, while Freshman Susan Marchiano chipped in with 12 points.

Prior to the Mules' match up with Franklin and Marshall, they defeated Moravian 74-68 on Thursday, Nov. 30 in a huge local rivalry.

The Mules looked strong in that game as they came from behind to beat the Greyhounds. The team received huge second half efforts from both Junior Jenn Risley and Freshman Erin DeVaney.

Risley contributed 12-second half points while DeVaney came off the bench and added seven in the second half. The defense smothered the Greyhounds as it held them to just 28% of their shots in the second half. The Mules also out rebounded Moravian 24-12 in the second half.

When the Mules took on Allentown College on Monday Nov. 4, they looked to complete the sweep of the Allentown area, but instead fell by the score of 58-43. The Mules suffered through a rough first half as they turned the ball over 19 times.

Drennan said, "Something's just not clicking. It's very frustrating."

The Mules did play better in the second half, but could not overcome the 21-point halftime deficit. Junior Lindsay St. Lawrence led the Mules with 11 points and Marchiano added nine points of her own.

Even though the Mules would have liked to start off their season with a better record, the team has been encouraged by the performance of its younger members. Freshmen Amber Nelson, DeVaney, and Marchiano have all contributed significantly to the Mule attack in the early weeks of the season. The Class of 2004 has provided the Mules with a boost off the bench.

Their high achievement offen-

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Construction continued over winter break and the 23rd St. parking lot is a few spaces shorter. PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Israel trips cancelled in light of U.S. warnings

12-day march may still run

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

Students who were to travel and study in Israel were disappointed recently because the increased violence in the Middle East has led to a series of decisions that eventually ended those plans.

That violence prompted the U.S. State Department to warn American citizens against the area because of "a heightened threat of terrorist incidents" and the situation caught the attention of College officials who had serious concerns for student safety.

Due to the violence in Israel, the College cancelled all study abroad programs there; the March of Remembrance and Hope, a 12-day tour of Poland and Israel, was postponed by its organizers in Israel; and all students who were to attend Birthright Israel, a semester-long study trip for Jewish students financed by philanthropy and other sources, decided at the College's persuasion not to go.

Pursuant to College policy about State Dept. warnings, no student is allowed to participate in study abroad in Israel this semester. The March of Remembrance and Hope was cancelled by organizers in Tel Aviv, and Birthright Israel was called off by the College.

Study abroad was cancelled because the Education Abroad Policy states that because of liability issues, the College does not allow any student to study in a country "for which the U.S. Department of State has an outstanding warning to defer all travel to that country."

Dr. George Heitmann, Dean of International Programs, issued a statement this week confirming that study abroad in Israel for this semester was cancelled.

Additionally, acceptance notices for study abroad next year went out over winter break. The Office of International Programs

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On retreat, Greeks meet with College officials

In panels, discuss campus issues

BY EMILY E. PANNEBAKER
Editor-in-Chief

At a two-day retreat in the Poconos before the start of the semester, the newly elected Greek organization presidents teamed up with the staff and administration they will be working closely with this calendar year, to set personal goals and establish objectives for the entire Greek system.

"We were challenged to unite and become a positive influence in the life of the College," said David Lloyd, president of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He emphasized that although there may have been controversy between the individual fraternities and sororities in years past, the weekend gave the leaders a chance to get to know each other and want to work together.

Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Greek Affairs, Chip Hurd, said that the retreat proved that administration and Greek leaders can be one "cohesive unit". "The purpose of the retreat was to make sure we are all on the same sheet of music," Hurd explained. Representatives from last year's Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils spoke to the group, assuring the new leaders that they can

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Shuttle in accident

The Weekend Shuttle was in an accident in the snow Saturday night, crippling the van. Page 5.

New food in G.Q.

General's Quarters released a new menu at the beginning of the semester, with daily specials many claim to be a large improvement. Page 11.

Wrestling wins 11

The wrestling team set a record with 11 consecutive matches, the longest winning streak in team history. Page 16.

Early allocations

Student Council allocated funds to clubs. Page 7.

Lacrosse is promoted to varsity; starts next year

Women play varsity lacrosse; men will start next spring.

Men to play in Division III

BY LINDSAY BARAD
Weekly Staff Writer

The College announced Monday that men's lacrosse will be promoted to a varsity sport and will compete in the NCAA Division III next spring, a development College officials say will help to draw male applicants from the area.

Men's lacrosse had been a varsity sport from 1966 to 1980, but most recently it was a club sport.

Last year, the club successfully played a game at the end of its season. The team will now participate at the club level through next spring and is expected to play a full Division III schedule the following year.

After the addition of women's golf in 1999, Muhlenberg will now have a total of 22 varsity sports-11 for men and 11 for women.

The new team will not only balance the number of men's and women's sports, but it will aid in the recruitment effort by drawing more porspective male applicants. community, balancing the ratio of male and female students on campus.

The new team will share the turf at Scotty Wood Stadium for its home games. Mule football, field hockey, women's lacrosse and track and field programs also use Scotty Wood stadium for their home games, just as men's and women's basketball both use Memorial Hall during the same season.

Sharing the field in the spring season is not expected to be a problem, nor is locker room space. The teams will share existing locker rooms until the renovations to the Life Sports Center are complete. Those will provide more locker room space.

Stephen Erber, director of Athletics, commented: "it's

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Team will aid in admission effort

BY JEFF BAIRD AND LINDSAY BARAD

When the College offered men's lacrosse, a club sport, a promotion to varsity status, it was making as much an effort at recruitment as at athletics.

"There's been a lot of student interest in lacrosse," said Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students. "It's a sport that has, I think, a lot of spectator appeal."

To some extent, the decision was a reaction to a long push by alumni and students to revive men's lacrosse at the College.

College officials will use this to their benefit when searching for coaches and funds: they have done their part, and now, in order for the program to be a success, the team needs both financial and human capital from alumni.

Mike Bruckner, Vice President for Public Relations, said he thinks the decision is proactive as well as reactive.

"I would argue that it's extremely proactive because 90 percent of schools are cutting sports," he said.

This is the second sport in 3 years the College has added;

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THE COLLEGE FACULTY RECENTLY DISCUSSED THE DIFFICULTIES associated with the final exam schedule as it exists. To be sure, final exams are stressful enough without having to worry about transportation home, conflicting exam periods and long gaps between exams. In a perfect world, as students, we would be able to take our exams at our convenience--coordinating rides home, plane tickets, studying and research papers well in advance.

But with an exam schedule that stretched across ten days last semester (Dec. 9 to Dec. 18, with three study days in between), some members of the College faculty believe, it creates a difficult situation between students and their professors.

In almost any class, it seems, there is someone trying to get his or her final schedule changed. This hassling puts professors in an awkward situation: they may at once feel sympathetic to students' concerns but also feel compelled to stick to the established schedule.

We propose that every student, today, should look at his or her final exam schedule before making plane reservations and summer job commitments. Much of the end-of-the semester hassles can be avoided now: the registrar publishes the final exam schedule when it releases the class schedules.

There is no right to a convenient final exam schedule, any more than there is a right to a convenient class schedule or a right to sleep all day. It can be argued that students have a right to know when their exams will be and this right is satisfied when the registrar, months in advance, publishes the schedule (It's available now on the registrar's website or in the master course listings).

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That said, there are some problems with the current schedule setup. For one, a student may have his or her most difficult final exam on Friday, May 4 this spring and the least difficult on Saturday, May 12. It is not unusual for professors not to give exams during the exam period: many writing-intensive classes have final research papers instead of exams. The above scenario, or a similar variation of it, is quite possible and impractical.

That student would have one day between the day classes end (Wednesday) and his most difficult exam (Friday), but would have seven days to study for his or her least difficult exam (the following Saturday). For a student whose home is a plane ride away, those seven days in the middle are, more or less, wasted waiting around for the last day to come. They are also days students can't spend with family or working at a summer job.

At the same time, if the College tried to shorten the exam period, it could risk giving one student three exams in a day. Pick your poison--nobody ever said scheduling was easy, nor is it anyone's right to receive (or anyone's burden to provide) a convenient schedule.

There is an interesting alternative that bears mention. Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. and Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass. both allow students to choose their own final exam schedules. At Davidson, students choose what days they want to take exams, sign an academic honesty code pledging not to reveal to other students in the class the contents of the exam, and take their exams in appointed rooms. This requires a strong confidence in students to abide by the honesty code. It would be interesting to see if, in the discussion of exam schedules that may follow here, our administrators have the same confidence in us.

In the coming weeks, The Muhlenberg Weekly will explore in its news pages systems like the ones at Davidson and Mount Holyoke. While we do not believe that anyone is entitled to a convenient schedule, we do believe that a system that allows us to choose our own final exam schedules may be a privilege worth considering.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic:

The Bush Education Plan

Are vouchers best for America's youth?
To use tax dollars for private education?
A time for compromise?

Those interested in contributing, contact Dave at dsobotki@hal

Break the traditional mold

Increased diversity would bring new life to curriculum

Priscilla Begin
Weekly Columnist

One of the most amazing opportunities offered to a college student is the one to study abroad. The ability to spend anywhere from three months to a year in a foreign country and escape the frequently stifling homogeneity of the Muhlenberg bubble is one that has been seized by 150 students this year. Traveling to fourteen different countries through thirty-two varied institutions, students will traverse the globe, experiencing an assortment of cultures in locations from China and London to India and Australia. Study abroad offers the opportunity to encounter cultures and meet people noticeably absent from the Muhlenberg campus.

...lack of cultural variation should be acknowledged and counteracted with positive reinforcements...

Glancing around the school, one might notice the beautiful brick buildings, the grandeur of academic row or comment on the seemingly continuous construction and improvements to the college. Armed with this new information, prospective students and visitors alike descend upon campus with an even more critical eye, and notice something missing among this mass of 2,055 students. Like many colleges of its size, Muhlenberg has a decidedly homogenous population. Out of 2,055 students registered for classes in fall 2000, there were only 147 minority students. Just seven percent of Muhlenberg students represent over twenty percent of the nation's population. Merely 147 students do not fit the traditional white, Jewish or Christian, upper-middle class mold. This number is atrocious.

The truth is that Muhlenberg College does not try as hard as it could to open up the red doors to minority students. Diversity is a huge problem at Muhlenberg. Over the past thirteen years, as the College has grown by seven or eight hundred students, the percentage of minority students has risen slightly from three percent to its current rate of seven percent. Diversity...most students balk at hearing that word and Muhlenberg in the same sentence. Muhlenberg attempts to present an image of cultural heterogeneity by hiding behind the various definitions of diversity. By boasting a student body with a varied range of economic backgrounds, and a large portion of Jewish and Catholic students, college administration ventures to declare prevalent diversity.

A liberal arts education means more than one-course requirements in history, religion, culture and literature. In order to promote more culturally aware students and attract people who have a variety of different experiences, the curriculum must slowly be expanded, to increase interest. If not for the efforts of a few campus clubs and organizations, who coordinate cultural dinners, dances speakers and other events. Muhlenberg would lack the few cultural events offered here now. These organizations can only do so much without the support of academic programs to bolster their noble efforts. The objective is not to beat students into a culturally aware submission; the goal of expanding the curriculum is to offer more opportunities for current students to learn about their own heritage and that of others.

To use an argument more economically based, China, various parts of Africa, many South American countries, and most newly independent nations of the former Soviet Bloc pose

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The benefits of boycotting

Beth Freeman
Weekly Columnist

During last week's remembrance service for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Rev. Marcella Jordan encouraged us to be dreamers. Although many dream of social change, they feel overwhelmed, helpless, and useless when faced with great social injustice. This is far from the truth!

One easy and effective way to encourage social justice and environmental stewardship is through consumer boycotts. Just look at the positive effects of recent boycotts: Nestle stopped promoting infant formula in the third world, Nabisco is no longer owned by R.J. Reynolds (tobacco company), and almost all tuna is dolphin-safe.

The web provides many resources that not only explain whom to boycott and why, but also give easy opportunities to sign online petitions which are then sent directly to CEOs and your local congressperson.

These resources provide unbiased views that show you whom to boycott depending upon your stand on an issue (for example whom to boycott if you're pro-choice and whom to boycott if you're pro-life). There are even websites boycotting boycotts!

The following is a list of good on-line resources I encourage you to consider: www.coopamerica.org; www.infact.org; www.ecopledge.com; www.pirg.org; www.cepnyc.org; www.responsibleshopper.com. Because consumption decisions are very personal, I encourage you to crit-

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Punk percussion and possibilities

Dan Russo

Weekly Columnist

"Fat people are harder to kidnap." This golden nugget of knowledge was stuck on the front of a drum set at a punk show in the Red Door. I am amazed at how true this is. It has to be a lot tougher to stuff a plump victim into the trunk of a car than a thin one. Even if you are successful, the extra weight would definitely slow down the getaway. Once you're in the clear, the inflated grocery bills you'd have to pay while keeping a hostage with a big appetite in your hideout would cut into any ransom money you might get later.

Forget about all that for a minute. My eyes didn't focus on the drums because I was looking for advice on committing a felony. What drew me to them was the drummer. Short, with a shaved bald head, a goatee, and tattoo covered arms, he was set back from the rest of the band. He must have weighed over two hundred and sixty pounds. Music poured out of him like the sweat dripping off his entire body. He beat out the songs' foundations.

During the choruses, he would shut his eyes and belt out lyrics in communion with the others. He had no mic, but the audience could hear him anyway. He was out of breath by the end of each song, and though I thought he would collapse, he kept going. You could feel his passion. This was a guy in his element--doing what he loved, being who he wanted, and not letting other people's judgments interfere.

Since returning from London I've been struggling with something. My experiences gave me a larger sense of myself. Some might even say I have "delusions of grandeur." Along with these have come fresh fears. Maybe having an ego is bad. I don't want confidence to grow into cockiness out of fear that I might get burned. The world can destroy people's illusions and dreams just as fast as it can build them.

Watching the drummer, I realized some things. We all want to be the lead singer, the star. That's fine. It's okay to turn up the amplifiers in your brain and have a few grand delusions. They help you reach your goals. Just make sure you don't overdo it or the sound gets distorted and the song'll be ruined.

Laughing at yourself regularly is a great way to keep things in perspective. It's like a sound-check that prevents your head from exploding. Another thing, no matter what gig you're into or how good you are, you may never become a Sid Vicious.

Just because you don't reach the top doesn't mean you can't still be part of the show. The drummer seemed happy where he was. He didn't need to be up front. Finally, I concluded that if I ever decide to kidnap somebody, Rosie O'Donnell won't be at the top of my list of possible candidates.

To buy or not to buy?

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ically explore these sites yourself.

If you trust me, however, here is a short list of companies I have chosen to boycott after extensive research: 1) Phillip Morris/Kraft: greatly involved in soft money politics and in the presidential debates, encourages youth smoking; 2) Coca-Cola: uses less than 1% of recycled plastic, although they promised 25% in 1991; 3) BP Amaco: desires to drill at the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (www.ecopledge.com, www.in fact.org).

In order to be responsible citizens, we must be responsible consumers. By critically examining whom we support with our purchases, we can achieve this goal. Even small changes in our lifestyles can have very positive effects. For example, consider shopping at the Farmer's Market, buying second hand, and drinking Fair Trade Coffee (soon to be offered at Java Joe's). Our dream of social change is as close as the wallets in our pockets.

On the streets

Dustin Stein

Weekly Columnist

I could not decide what to write on this week; the lack of celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Day in Allentown, the Ashcroft nomination, the Inauguration, or the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The dilemma resolved itself when I left Muhlenberg on Friday to descend on D.C. to see the Inauguration. I arrived in D.C. in aspirations of seeing major protests and another boring, bland, uneducated speech by the appointed, not elected President George W. Bush. But to my dismay the speech was abysmal (sarcasm), the people were rude, and the weather was inconvenient. On inauguration day I knew something was wrong. I felt so American seeing the swearing in of a new president, but unsatisfied with the man that was on the stand.

The day still had promise, no Texan was going to keep by voice from being heard, even though they kept my grandparents vote from being counted. Needless to say after I passed the first couple of guards on entrance to the Inauguration grounds I had a weird suspicion that I did not belong; that me a nice, Jewish, suburbanite with three and a half years of college under my belt did not belong with these Texans. As I finished thinking that thought a man in a cowboy hat and tie stopped me (and no one else) to check my bag. But much to his dismay I would not let him, so a small argument ensued at which point he demanded to talk to my parents, no sooner had he pushed me to the side to see my bag than my mother appeared and he apologized for harassing me. Then it was off to the lawn to listen to the Inauguration. One could almost hear a pin drop while the speakers praised Bush, but there was the intermittent, "Rehnquist is a whore," "Bush sucks," "Appointed not elected," to name a few. Then came Bush's speech, with its wit, and promises. But did he receive many cheers, was he received with optimism? Not while I was there! But then it happened, he discussed his desire to lower taxes. At this point the crow erupted, nothing about social justice, economic equality, human rights, or anything that people should be passionate about could arouse the crowd, but the temptation of getting one's tax money back was enough to make any true Republican cheer and feel satisfied with casting their vote for Bush. True Democracy. Does nothing but money matter? I don't think so, but then again is the Bush presidency legitimate? Was it bought, elected or appointed?

Change on the horizon

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as expanding markets for American goods and products. All of these nations speak different languages and have distinct cultural and belief systems that differ from most American business people. For example, as a business major, a Muhlenberg graduate is hired by a multinational corporation to construct a business plan designed to make American banks more accessible to citizens and businesses throughout China. Without knowledge of Chinese culture and business practices, it would be impossible to implement a highly successful plan.

The basic argument is this. Administration constantly sidesteps the issue of cultural diversity by offering different interpretations and sugar-coated arguments for the very definition of the word. But lack of cultural variation should be acknowledged and counteracted with positive reinforcements, such as greater variety of classes focusing upon improving religious and ethnic education, more funding for these campus organizations, and active participation by both students and faculty in multi-cultural events.

The demand for these classes and events is extraordinary. Every semester philosophy, religion and culture classes are fully enrolled on the first days of registration with students clamoring for the remaining seats in these few areas. Each year, students appeal for more classes in these important fields, only to find the same number the next time around. Students want to be intrigued and challenged by different cultures and types of people, but more must be done to raise the seven percent and expand cultural appreciation. Hopefully, this year, our pleas will not fall on deaf ears.

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Weekly Discourse: George Bush's Cabinet Selections

Are Bush's cabinet choices a result of qualifications or quotas?

Lucas Tomanelli

Asst. Op/Ed Editor

IMMEDIATELY AFTER RECEIVING word of Dubya's victory in the race to become the 43rd President of the United States I was overcome with feelings of grief and confusion. I couldn't understand how someone who was clearly the favorable choice for most Americans could lose the race because one state's Electoral votes didn't go in his favor. So to be blunt about it, I was concerned. Concerned about abortion rights, concerned about the rich being favored over the poor, and most of all, concerned that our nation's new Conservative Administration would only be interested in serving white, middle to upper class Americans instead of reaching out to our nation as a whole. However, I was soon proven wrong when George W. Bush began appointing members from all walks of life to positions on his Administrative cabinet.

> *[They] will make it their duties to serve everyone, and racial issues will most likely not have any bearing on their efforts...*

Some people seem to think that Bush is bringing diversity to the cabinet positions for the obvious reasons that it will make him look better and help dispose of the stereotypical notion that Republicans don't care about serving the entire nation. Now, I couldn't disagree more. As an example, take a look at the people that President Bush has chosen to appoint. Colin Powell is a stranger to no one, especially when it comes to social issues such as civic education and the well being of America's youth. After leaving the Pentagon in 1993 Powell launched a national campaign for disadvantaged youth and currently serves as Chairman for America's Promise, an organization whose main purpose is to improve the lives of the American youth. Powell, who has been called a cipher in many other global issues wasn't appointed to his position as Secretary of State because his African American status will make Dubya look better. He was chosen because he's the best man for the job, and he will serve our nation to the best of his abilities.

Another addition to Bush's cabinet is Melquiades Rafael Martinez. As President Bush's new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Martinez is the first Cuban-American to hold a cabinet post. As President Bush stated last month, "He was a refugee as a young boy" and "He understand American values; he's grown to appreciate them." At his former position as Orange Country chairman (Florida) Martinez made the local community aware that the building of houses in areas where classrooms were already full was risky and argues that by doing this""he was protecting the quality of life of those who already lived there." Martinez also served as President of the Orlando Utilities Commission, "trimmed services to allow for a modest tax cut," as well as having fired a fire chief for not promoting women and minorities. As can be seen from both credentials and past experience, Martinez seems like he would be the last person to ignore the needs of the American people, and he'll serve our nation well.

Now comes the question of the day. What are Dubya's intentions now that he has a racially integrated administration. Is he going to work with the minority cabinet members in hopes of reaching out to the minority population, or is he simply going to use them to send a message that the new Republican administration truly cares about the well being of our nation's minority population?

Obviously, Bush's true intentions will never be discovered, no matter what course of action he's actually going to take. However, even if he did appoint these specific people with the intentions of making himself appear to be more accepting of diversity, it doesn't really make a difference because these cabinet members will make it their duties to serve everyone, and racial issues will most likely not have any bearing on their efforts or intentions as members of the Bush administration. I have to hand it to you George. I doubted you at the beginning because I thought you weren't the right man for the job, but now I'm actually starting to see light at the end of Dubya's Conservative tunnel.

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Evan Jaffee

Weekly Columnist

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH is no fool. Some of his choices for cabinet positions were not based on merit but rather a method to appease the anger of the minority population towards the Republican Party. He knows that many minority leaders are still seething over Florida's decision to stop recounting ballots in Dade County, a county with a very high minority population. The leaders feel that Florida's Governor, Jeb Bush, played a highly influential role in this decision. They contend that had the recounting of ballots continued Al Gore would be the 43rd President of the United States.

> *It is clear that President Bush's attempts to cater to minorities has already backfired on him.*

Jeb Bush is not the only Bush brother to have angered minorities. President Bush has annoyed many minorities by opposing affirmative action, a policy that many African-Americans claim to be responsible for their advancement in society. The minorities took it out on Bush on Election Day. Nine out of ten African-Americans voted for Gore.

The President's choice for National Security Adviser is Condoleezza Rice, an African-American woman, who formally served as a Provost at Stanford University. She refers to herself as a "Europeanist," and has hinted that the American military should pull back from peacekeeping duties around the world, including Bosnia and Kosovo, where American troops are currently engaged in peace keeping missions. Rice's expertise lies in Soviet Russia, an era that no longer exists. The question then becomes how can she advise the President on the hotbed area of the Mideast? This is so disturbing that it only begs to ask the question: Did Condoleezza Rice receive the position of National Security Adviser because she is (A) qualified or (B) a minority? I believe the answer is (B).

Linda Chavez is a rising star in the Republican Party, She was also a Hispanic American who had just been nominated to be President Bush's Labor Secretary. Yet, she had two strikes against her chances of becoming Labor Secretary. Her conservative views put her at odds with Hispanic American leaders. (She is an opponent of Affirmative Action and increases in minimum wage among other things.) Furthermore, Chavez had an illegal alien as a maid in her Washington D.C. home. Rather than face even more scrutiny and embarrass President Bush, Chavez withdrew her nomination.

It is clear that Bush's attempts to cater to minorities has already backfired on him. One potential cabinet member was despised by many of her own minority group and the other appears to be completely unqualified for the job.

Over the course of the next four years, President Bush has the potential to make amends with minority groups. And if his cabinet selections are any indication of the relationship he plans to have with minority groups, the President has a long way to go. If he does not have a good, solid relationship with minority groups in four years time, you can almost bet that at this time four years hence, he will be back at his Texas ranch and referred to as former President Bush.

JOHN MARSHALL PRE-LAW SOCIETY

Tuesday January 30, 2001
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We will have an informational meeting
and
ELECTIONS for new officers will be held at this meeting.
All interested should attend.

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The apartments, on Leh St. between Gordon and Liberty, can house up to 18 students. Those returning from study abroad were given priority. PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

College buys 7 apartments on Leh St.

BY ANDREW MAY
Assistant News Editor

The College purchased a new apartment building at the corner of Leh and Gordon Streets recently, and brought them up to "Muhlenberg standards" between the time they were purchased and this semester, according to Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg.

Such improvements included installing smoke detectors, safety features and campus network connections. While there are three apartments on the first floor, three on the second floor and one in the basement, the basement apartment is currently vacant. Each apartment can hold three student residents, and most of the apartments have two bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Though the apartment building can house 18 students, it is currently less than full because those spots were offered first to students returning from study abroad and will be filled soon with other students.

They are "probably as nice as any of the units we have," said Ehrenberg.

The residents of these apartments seem quite happy with the capacious rooms and comfortable living conditions.

"It's really nice, I'm very happy here," said one student who previously lived in a M.I.L.E. house.

"Everything seems to be working fine, we really haven't run into much trouble," another added.

The apartments are outfitted with similar furniture to the ones found in bedrooms inside Walz, Prosser and Taylor Halls. The living room and dining room furniture is similar to those in M.I.L.E. houses as well as leased apartments.

Greeks sit for panels during retreat

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"succeed and stay alive" as a Greek leader, and more important, as a member of the Muhlenberg community.

In addition to discussions about Greek life, Campus Safety officer Brenda Lakis addressed the group about sexual assault and harassment; Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole lead a session on risk management; and Director of Public Relations Mike Bruckner conducted a panel about how fraternities and sororities can be more visible on campus, and how to market their organizations positively.

According to Christina Coviello, president of Phi Sigma Sigma, "This meeting off campus was best, because as a group of students and-staff, we wouldn't typically be together. But in this setting outside Muhlenberg, we shared ideas and got excited about Greek life in general."

The students also learned from Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg what it takes to be a leader, and Director of Student Activities Becky Grace and the Director of Community Service, Valerie Lane, emphasized the importance of leadership within campus activities and off-campus.

College Chaplain Peter Bredlau spoke about how Greeks can get involved within the ecumenical community.

"It was nice to have reassurance from the school that they are willing to help us, and are an important resource," said Lloyd.

According to Hurd, Phi Kappa Tau will be receiving its charter in March, and during the retreat, all committed to being supportive, no matter what letters they wear.

"They're talking the talk- and we hope they will break down the barriers even further," said Hurd.

Greek Presidents

Following is a list of presidents of fraternities and sororities for the next year. Their terms last for the spring semester and the fall semester next year.

Casey Hoch **AEΠ**
Scott Norville **ΔTΔ**
Paul Sasso **TKE**
Andrew Leber **ΣΦE**
David Lloyd **ΦKT**

Courtney Sessa **AXO**
Kristen DiLorenzo **ΔZ**
Jennifer Bloom **ΦM**
Christina Coviello **ΦΣΣ**

Two injured in Shuttle accident in snow

Driver cited for driving too fast for conditions

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

The Weekend Shuttle was involved in an accident Friday night that crippled the van and has caused College officials to "evaluate" the status of the shuttle.

According to Ken Lupole, Director of Campus Safety, the van was traveling on Chew St. at Marshall St. when the accident happened.

Another car, to the left side of the road, had its left turn signal on, Lupole said. The shuttle then went to the right of the car anticipating it would make a left turn.

> *"I think any time these things happen, you evaluate."*
> Rudy Ehrenberg,
> Dean of Students

Lupole said that the car then took a right turn. The vehicles did not collide; rather, the van veered off the road into a telephone pole.

The front end of the van "was pretty well smashed in," Lupole said. The driver of the van got a ticket from the Allentown Police Department for driving too fast for conditions.

Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, said that any student driver may decide not to drive if the weather causes driving to be dangerous, at which point the department of campus safety would help to handle the problem.

He also said the College could step in and tell student drivers to stop the shuttle. But neither the College nor the driver of the shuttle reported dangerous conditions on the road, and the van slid on an ice patch into a telephone pole.

The van is covered by the College's insurance policy and the student is not individually liable for the damage to the van, Brookstein said.

But the driver is personally responsible for the ticket for driving too fast for conditions.

Ehrenberg said that each student goes through a training and licensing evaluation period. If a student driver breaks traffic laws while driving, Ehrenberg said, "well, the expectation is that you don't do that."

"I think anytime these things happen, you evaluate," Ehrenberg continued. He said that there were no plans to change the shuttle fundamentally. Brookstein confirmed that it is running this weekend.

There were 14 students in the vehicle, which was driven by a student driver. Two of those students went to the hospital, one of whom had a broken leg. The student with the broken leg went home recently.

Some other passengers received minor injuries.

"Really what it is is an unfortunate accident," said Josh Brookstein, who co-chairs the student council shuttle committee.

"I encourage everyone to continue using the shuttle. It is safe," Brookstein urged.

He said that the shuttle will continue to operate using one of the other vans.

The College owns seven vans, one of which is, for the most part, out of service. Four are used for athletics and the remaining two are used for community service or other campus events.

The Muhlenberg Weekly

is looking for motivated, interested students to write for its news section.

The position involves communication with College officials and with fellow students on a variety of issues.

Please call Jeff Baird, News Editor, at x4860, or e-mail him at: jbaird@muhlenberg.edu.

OFF CAMPUS

Harvard University -- Kenneth Leong was arrested this month after he walked into a final exam and threatened to kill everyone by setting off a bomb, prompting all the students in the exam room to flee. A professor, who had begun to explain the directions to the exam, described Leong as agitated. He announced that he was declaring war on the United States and that anyone who tried to leave would be killed. But one student bolted for the door, prompting a stampede that emptied the hall.

University of California -- Andrew Wieman, a junior at the University of California at Davis, was found dead in his Kappa Sigma fraternity house earlier this month and police suspect he was murdered. He died of neck injuries and the University withheld the news for almost 24 hours before informing the community.

University of Pennsylvania -- Barry Hoffman, an author and professor, claims that the University's bookstore has censored his work by not stocking his new novel, "Born Bad," because it portrays the date-rape of three Penn students. Hoffman claims that the University should carry his novel because it also describes the support networks available for students contemplating suicide; the University responds that it carries a variety of controversial works and Hoffman's claim isn't a free-speech violation. Hoffman formerly worked for "Gauntlet," a magazine dedicated to fighting censorship.

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 22	High: 43 Low: 28	High: 49 Low: 32

Seegers to get new director

By Lauren Jacobs
Weekly Staff Writer

Glenn Gerchman, who is the current Union Director at Cedar Crest College, will replace Richard Begbie as Director of Seegers Union, the College announced.

Begbie has accepted a enw position as Assistant Director of Plant Operations. The Union staff has expressed enthusiasm about the new director.

"Glenn brings a great deal of energy and vision which will be good," said Susan Fredricks, Assistant to the Director of Seegers Union, "not only for Seegers but also for the campus at large."

Just as the staff anxiously awaits Gerchman's arrival, so too does he anticipate his arrival.

"During my interview, I got to see some of the students and staff," Gerchman said. "I was intrigued by the general focus by students and administration to the student life on campus."

Even though he is already "intrigued" by the atmosphere here, he believes that he can make a unique contribution to the College.

He has worked as a technical director both at Cedar Crest College and at State Theater before he became the Union Director at Cedar Crest.

He hopes to increaset he use of technology here.

"I want to provide students with the technology to manage events more effectively," Gerchman said.

"I am really anxious to start, and look forward to coming to Muhlenberg," said Gerchman.

College receives appropriation for disabilities

The College won a $500,000 appropriation to expand its accommodations aimed at educating and placing in varied jobs students with disabilities, Sen. Arlen Specter, chair of the Health, Human Services Education and Labor Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee announced this month.

Volleyball tourney to be scheduled

An organizational meeting is scheduled for tonight at 6:00 for the annual volleyball tournament. The tournament will be to benefit a cause related to the College. Individuals and groups may attend tonight to organize their contributions to the effort.

Lacrosse is aimed at prospectives, too

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in 1999, it added women's golf.

Geographically, men's lacrosse is not only good for easily compiling a schedule, but it will be a big push for prospective students considering the College, which is in "close proximity to all of the major high school and prep school lacrosse areas," Erber explained, which means that the College has an advantage in its proximity to "hot beds," as it is a popular sport in high schools throughout Baltimore, Long Island, New York State and New England. High school male lacrosse players will now be able to consider attending more seriously than they were able to in the past.

Liberal arts colleges have a reputation of having a higher population of female students than male students because larger universities have more engineering programs.

Muhlenberg currently has a student body of 57 percent women and 43 percent men; some others have ratios as skewed as 70 percent women and 30 percent men. Bruckner noted that most liberal arts colleges have anywhere from 55 to 70 percent women making up their student bodies.

Having a men's lacrosse team will draw more male students to the school, evening the male-female ratio and increasing the attractiveness of the College to male applicants.

Erber explained that ten to twelve times annually prospective students who inquire about the men's lacrosse team are always disappointed when they hear that there is no varsity men's lacrosse team.

Erber said students respond with statements like this: "Muhlenberg would be my first choice if you had a men's lacrosse team; I'd be interested in Muhlenberg if you had a men's lacrosse team."

The reinstatement of a varsity men's lacrosse team will benefit admissions because more prospective male students will be interested in the College. Bruckner also commented about this, saying:

"The one thing that it does for us is that in today's day and age, liberal arts colleges are struggling to get men to attend. Men's lacrosse will aid in our admissions effort to balance the number of men and women that attend Muhlenberg."

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

Confidence in tech rises, but worries about Calif. persist

Investor confidence is rising after many companies reported positive earnings last week.

These reports led to investor optimism, especially in the technology sector. Microsoft, Sun Microsystems and Nortel are each expected to report positive earnings this week.

Last Friday the Down Jones fell 90.69 points to 10587.59 while the NASDAQ rose 1.89 points to close at 2770.38. The NASDAQ rose with the help of Microsoft, which rose $5.50 to $61, and IBM, which rose $2.94 to $111.25.

The Blue Chip index, however, was hurt by reports that Home Depot would fall short of the previous year's earnings for the first time in 15 years. Home Depot executives reported that store sales throughout the country have been getting progressively worse throughout the last 12 months. They have blamed this on a "tough economy."

Unfortunately, on Monday investors sold off many technology stocks; this sell-off caused the NASDAQ to fall for the first time in four sessions.

The NASDAQ fell 12.47 points to 2757.91 after a poor performance by Dell Computer Corporation whose fourth quarter earnings fell 28% below Wall Street estimates.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 9.35 to close at 10578.24. Financial service companies were hit hardest, and included such giants as American Express, the Dow's biggest loser which fell $3.63 to $45.

However, one of the biggest concerns thus far in the year 2001 has been the energy crisis in California that has caused "rolling blackouts" throughout the state. This shortage is due to the fact that that the state's two biggest energy providers Pacific Gas & Energy Co. (PG&E) and Edison International are both nearly bankrupt.

The two companies provide service to 24 million customers. PG&E have warned that its supply of fuel could run out as early as February.

Last Friday both companies were forced to buy natural gas from out of state companies so that they could continue service.

Robert Hertzberg, a prominent California lawmaker has devised a plan that he thinks will help put an end to these blackouts. Mr. Hertzberg proposes that state issue bonds in order to raise money for the utility companies so that they can be reimbursed for past power purchases.

The catch is that the two companies would have to surrender ownership of their Sierra Nevada hydroelectric generating systems. Between the two companies those systems are worth about $5 billion.

California Governor Gray Davis has already signed a $400 million energy-purchasing plan.

The $400 million would be used to buy energy on behalf of the utilities. Many worry that this energy problem could cause a 20% rate increase by 2003 for Californians who are PG&E or Edison customers.

Council allocates for spring, keeps a reserve for later requests

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Student Council allocated funds for clubs and organizations for the spring in its final meeting of the fall semester.

Clubs that received funds for the fall 2000 semester and reapplied for money this semester were surprised with a 14 percent cut. (Those organizations were: Hillel, WMUH, Ciarla, MAC, Concert Board, MTA and The Muhlenberg Weekly.)

Christina Coviello, Treasurer of Student Council and chair of the Finance Committee, said that she wants to keep more money in reserve for so-called "special requests," where clubs can apply for specific events during the semester that were not included in their budgets.

But because Council does not always enumerate which items it covers and which it doesn't, some said at the meeting that it's difficult to special request something that hasn't been specifically cut.

Council gets its funds from the student activities' fee, a part of which goes to the Dean of Students' Office. Last semester, Council allocated over $123,000 on seven clubs last semester but spent only $111,483.62 for ten clubs at the same period this semester.

The extra reserves, which total about $10,000 after regular allocations, is "to be save," Coviello said. Council is "in the red" every semester, but makes up for it because not all clubs use their entire grants each semester. She said aroudn $5,000 is returned to Council's general fund at the end of the semester.

Forcing clubs to go through the special request process for more of their funds "makes a little more work for everyone, including me," Coviello said, but provides a greater cushion against being in debt.

Hillel received a large cut. Coviello said that was leveled because Council wants to limit the money it gives to conferences when that moeny can go to the concert board or another event that will benefit the entire campus.

One theme of the Finance Committee this year has been the emphasis on spending money on things that can benefit the campus at large. Additionally, MTA received as much as it did for the fall, but 37 percent less than it asked for. The theater group requested nearly double its normal cost for a main-stage production for an opera this semester.

Coviello said that she encourages clubs to make improvements, but out-of-the-ordinary productions, as the opera would be, should come from the fund-raising or be made as a special request.

In order to make a special request, clubs arrange all details of their request and present it to the Finance Committee for review and questioning.

The entire council then votes on the measure.

WMUH received a cut of about a third. "It is just annoying and inconvenient that we now have to special request parts of our budget that we have been given to us at early allocations every other semester, no questions asked," said Jessie Pepper, an officer at WMUH.

Photo by Jeff Baird

Early Allocations

Following is the amount of money clubs and organizations were awarded during early allocations. Regular allocations will take place Feb. 5.

I.S.A.	$1,096.49
Muses	4,000.00
A.S.A.	1,050.00
The Weekly	12,000.00
Hillel	2,768.13
WMUH	3,069.00
Ciarla	10,000.00
MAC	35,000.00
Concert Board	12,500.00
MTA	47,250.00

Israel trips cancelled after State Dept. issues warning

'Student safety' at issue, the Dean says

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issued a letter from Heitmann to students who were accepted to study in Israel next year. The letter included the policy about study programs in areas for which there is a travel warning and also suggested that those students have an alternate site for study abroad should that warning be outstanding next year.

> *"Very simply, the organizers in Tel Aviv postponed it."*
>
> Dr. Peter Pettit, Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding

[Excerpts, page 8.]

The State Department issued a statement Jan. 12 warning travelers against using public transportation and crowded tourist areas.

"The Department of State warns U.S. citizens to defer travel to Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. The U.S. Government has indications that there is a heightened threat of terrorist incidents in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza," the statement reads. "In light of several recent terrorist bombings in Israel and continuing violence in Gaza and the West Bank, American citizens should exercise extreme caution and avoid shopping areas, malls, public buses and bus stops as well as crowded areas and demonstrations."

Dr. Peter Petit, the director of the Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding, had been the College's contact point with the March of Remembrance and Hope. "Very simply, the organizers in Tel Aviv postponed it," Petit said. Those officials said that they could not assure student safety in Israel.

The plan was for 700 students to tour Israel in buses and Petit said that the organizers "thought it was too convenient a target for anyone who wants to make a statement."

That march has been rescheduled tentatively for May 14 to May 27. The organizers in Tel Aviv will decide if the march will take place by March 1. At that time, the College must decide if it will sponsor students' participation in the March. It is a College policy not to send students to a nation for which there is a travel warning from the U.S. Department of State.

Petit said he encouraged the organizers of the march in Israel to reformulate a March that includes cultural and historic sites in Paris, Prague and Poland and to bringi n experts from Israel to speak with the group in Europe.

But he said that because the exposure to Israel is a component that ranks highly on the Marchh's list of priorities, the organizers are not likely to use his idea. "I think Israel is a significant part of that agenda," Petit said. He said that there is "significant Israeli support both logistically and financially."

The March's website confirms this. It says that one of its highlights is the opportunity "to witness the rebirth of the Jewish people and explore places of historical importance to the three eminent monotheistic religions."

The March of Remembrance and Hope is a branch of the International March of the Living, which takes approximately 7,000 high school students.

The March of Remembrance and Hope is in its first year and has an "interfaith focus," according to Petit. He said it deals with remembering through a personal account of the events that describe a "paradigm instance of genocide in human history."

Patti Mittleman, director of Hillel, the Jewish students organization, was the College's contact point for Birthright Israel.

The Weekly was not able to reach Mittleman late last week or early this week. Though Birthright Israel is an independent organization, Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg was able to comment on the outcome of that trip.

College officials decided that because the situation in Israel was unsteady, they would ask all participants to sign a waiver of liability (even though Birthright Israel was not sponsored by the College). This served as a strong message to students who wanted to go to Israel, but the final decision was made individually.

"The decision about whether or not to go was made by individual students and their families," Ehrenberg said, adding that the primary concern behind the College's initiative to dissuade students from going was safety.

> *"It's not like the way they portray it in the news."*
>
> Elias Saratovsky, Junior

Birthright Israel did take place, though without Muhlenberg students. About 4,000 students attended without incident this winter. He did say that he hopes that the situation will be such that students can go in the future.

"I shudder to think if anything had happened while they were over there," Mike Bruckner, Vice President for Public Relations said.

Elias Saratovsky, a junior, said he went to Israel over winter break and that the characterization is not accurate.

"It's not like the way they portray it in the news," he said. "It's not a war zone.

"The Israel that I saw when I as there was quite different from the Israel I saw on CNN," he continued. "I felt safe pretty much all the time."

Saratovsky said despite his experience, he understood why the college urged its students not to go, but said his group was in "constant contact" with police.

Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 1--Injured Student--A student passed out in the Life Sports Center and was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 2--Code Violation--An individual was in Hillside House without permission.

Jan. 5--Safety Violation--Rooms had door closers removed in ML

Jan. 7--Unsecure Area--A side door was not latched right in TKE

Jan. 8--Unauthorized Person--Resident came back from 409 N. 22nd Street

Jan. 9---- Posses. of Stolen Property--Garage dorm pizza stolen from car at A.E.Pi.

Jan. 11--Injured Employee--A employee fell off a 15--foot ledge cleaning in the library and was transported to the hospital

Jan. 14--Hit & Run--Someone was hit during a Hit & Run in the fire lane of Benfer Hall and sustained minor injuries

Jan. 14--Alcohol Violation--Four students were found with beer in Prosser hall &sent to the judicial committee

Jan. 15--Injured Employee--An employee slipped and fell on ice on Back Drive

Jan. 15--Fire Alarm--A fire alarm went off in 2216 Liberty Street due to burned toast

Jan. 15--Theft--Books were taken from the hallway in M.L.

Jan. 15--Fire Alarm--A fire alarm went off at 415--419 Leh Street due to burnt cookies

Jan. 15--Theft--Keyless entry remote was stolen from Prosser hall but later returned

Jan. 17--Harassment by Communication--A student was harassed through AOL Instant Messenger in East

Jan. 17--Vandalism--A laptop screen was cracked, allegedly by a visitor

Jan. 17--Hit & Run--A new CS Tahoe received a minor mark on the bumper by the campus safety office

Jan 17--Report of Fire--A grease fire was extinguished at 423 N. 23rd Street

Jan. 14--Vandalism--A Campus Safety vehicle was hit with paintballs by Prosser.

Jan. 18--Controlled Substance--Students from M.L. referred to Dean's office.

Jan 18.--Alcohol Violation--Eight students in Walz were sent to the Dean's office for consumption and possession.

Jan. 18--Alcohol Violation--Six students in East were sent to the Dean's office.

Jan. 19--Intoxicated Person--A person was passed out and transported to the hospital.

Jan. 19--Vandalism--A hole was punched in a wall in the stairwell in Prosser.

Jan. 19--False Identification--A student who used a fake I.D. was referred to the Dean's office.

Jan. 19--Alcohol Violation--Three students in Prosser were sent to the Dean's office.

Jan. 19--Unregistered Party--The Sigma Phi Epsilon had an unregistered party and the matter is under investigation.

Jan. 20--Fire Alarm--A false alarm was pulled in Prosser.

Jan. 20--Alcohol Violation--One student from Prosser was sent to the Dean's office.

Jan. 20--Motor Vehicle Accident--The Weekend Shuttle was involved in an accident at Chew St. and Marshall St.

Jan. 21--Fire Alarm--The humidifier at the service building set off a fire alarm three times.

Jan. 21--Fire Alarm--Cooking pancakes set off an alarm at 415 N. Leh St.

Jan. 21--Motor Vehicle Accident--The student EMS vehicle was in an accident while transporting a student from the hospital to campus. The student was not re--injured.

Jan. 22--Injured Student--A student injured his neck outside of Walz while wrestling in the snow.

Jan. 22--False Identification--Matthew R. Levine was arrested by Allentown Police for using a false I.D. at Crocodile Rock Friday night.

Jan. 22--Theft--A textbook was stolen from Ettinger.

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We would also like to congratulate the new Greek Presidents and wish them luck in the year to come.

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Lupole issues warning on false fire alarms

In light of the last false alarm in Prosser Hall, which occurred early Saturday morning, Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole confirms that the College policy on false alarms will be strictly enforced.

"Students need to know that if we identify individuals responsible for pulling a false fire alarm, they will be criminally arrested, immediately suspended and they will face a $300 fine," Lupole said.

Lupole also warned students that there has been a small pattern of stolen texbooks developing.

Since the beginning of the semester, a student has had books stolen from outside a room in Walz and a textbook was stolen from Ettinger.

"I would suggest that students that have books in some way mark them with their name," Lupole said, adding that they shouldn't let books out of their sight.

Study abroad statement

Following is a statement from George Heitmann, Dean of International Programs, on the study abroad cancellation for the spring semester. It does not apply to Birthright Israel or the March of Remembrance and Hope:

The Education Abroad Policy statement prepared by the Office of International Programs (revised 10/31/00) states the following:

"Consistent with limiting the liability exposure of the College, no student will be allowed to participate in an education abroad program in any country for which the U.S. Department of State has an outstanding warning to defer all travel to that country."

As indicated, this pertains to all programs for which there is an outstanding warning. Since that warning is still in place, we have not allowed Muhlenberg students to study in Israel during the spring 2001 semester.

For the coming 2001-2002 academic year, several students were approved by the Office of International Programs to apply to programs in Israel. In addition to the standard approval letter from Susan Norling, International Programs Coordinator, the following letter from George Heitmann, Dean of International Programs, was included:

"... your education abroad application has been approved. Please note, however, that Education Abroad Policy does not allow students to participate in any program offered in a country for which there is an outstanding U.S. Department of State warning to defer all travel. At this time, there is such a warning outstanding with regard to travel in Israel. Unless this warning is rescinded, you will not, as a Muhlenberg student, be allowed to enroll in the program for which you have been approved. Certainly, we can process your application in the hope that the Department of State's travel warning will be lifted prior to the time your studies are scheduled to begin.

"...It may, however, be desirable for you to have an alternative education abroad plan that can be quickly activated should Muhlenberg students not be allowed to study in Israel. Let me urge you to consult with Susan Norling, Christopher Herrick, or [George Heitmann] to explore other available options that will meet your academic program needs."

Weekly life!

In the book of life's questions, the answers are not in the back.

-Charles Schultz

The unsung hero of the Center for the Arts

By Nina Forsberg
Weekly Staff Writer

One visit to the Center for the Arts building, and you will most likely meet Franklin Nelson, the building housekeeper. Calm and personable, even as I speak with him, students, professors, and his coworkers walk by and he says hello to them all by their names. After talking to him, I was filled with a sense of optimism about the rest of the day and human nature in general that I never expected.

Out of ten students randomly polled, half knew exactly who he was and all of those smiled and said something positive. "Even if you look like you're having a horrible day, he always has something nice to say. He talks to everyone and has a lot of friends," says senior Maggie Hammell.

Senior Michael Blit says, "He is such a friendly guy. He grew up in such a rough town, but he has always got a smile on. He always has something to do, and he will get it done, but will never show it if you want to talk." Blit also adds, "He grew up with Bob Marley in Kingston, Jamaica. So he knows a lot about Marley and other good reggae."

Nelson has traveled far from Jamaica, as the Lehigh Valley has been his permanent home since 1976. Muhlenberg has been his first and only employer since then. Having worked here 22 years, he has never considered changing jobs. "Muhlenberg is a great place to work. I like the people here very well," says Nelson.

Nelson comments that his twenty-two years here have seemed like only five, though he can recall all the changes in the school and the increase of students that has occurred over the years. He has always worked in the Baker Center for the Arts, with the exception of one day in 1985, when he was moved to another building. The faculty and coworkers of the C.A. reacted to this move instantly, and requested that he be re-assigned to the C.A. Because of these appeals, he was moved back and has continued to work there ever since.

The C.A. environment is perfectly suited to Nelson, since he loves art as well as people. Asked what major he would choose were he a student here, he immediately says art and theatre. Because of his art interest, he finds the local artists displayed in the Martin Art Gallery an enjoyable addition to the already "unique and impressive" building atmosphere. "They do great work."

Over the years, Nelson has become a confidant for students and faculty alike, as he takes the time to listen. Listening is rewarding to him because, "I have time to listen to people. You learn when you listen." Asked if he believes this is partly due to his Jamaican heritage, which might emphasize taking time for others and enjoying life, he believes that may partially be true. But, for the most part, he is simply an individual who enjoys company. "I like people. Sometimes I wake up and I am not feeling good. But I still come. People care and are concerned here."

To Nelson, friendships can begin with the simplest gestures. From lending students pens when rushing to class, to introducing shy students to others, his simple gestures have caused students to regard him highly.

When asked if he has any advice for graduating students of Muhlenberg, he thinks deeply and says, "I believe this is one of the greatest schools around. The faculty and president are concerned about students and will take time with you. Students should make use of their Muhlenberg education." He does not find it difficult to maintain the positive attitude he is known for in this environment, since he finds it is equally caring to him.

Nelson's future plans include remaining exactly where he is, perhaps going back to Jamaica to visit, but not to live. This is a positive prospect for Muhlenberg, as it would be hard to imagine a C.A. without Franklin Nelson taking care of it.

Off-Duty with Franklin Nelson

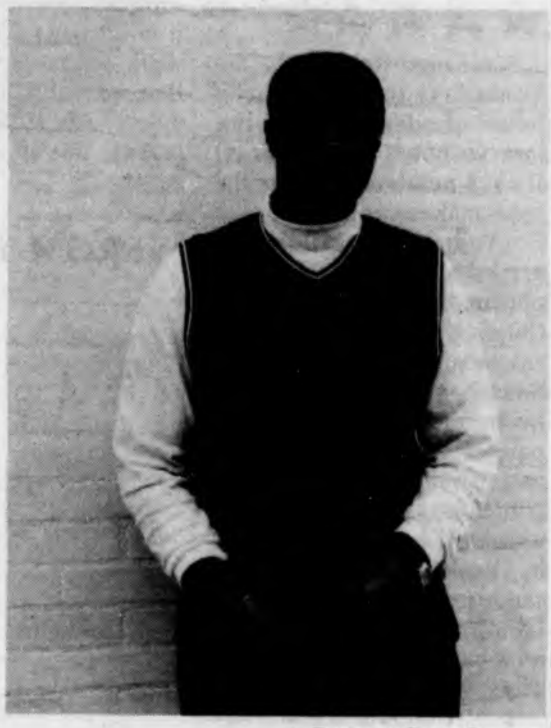

Photo by Scott Swartz

Franklin Nelson, the housekeeper in the C.A.

Hot jazz on a cold night

By Melissa Carrelli
Weekly Staff Writer

This weekend, mostly everyone felt like curling up and taking a nap or lounging around the dorm rooms. The only thing better than relaxing in the dorms was going to the jazz concert held on campus.

There is nothing like sipping a cup of hot coffee while listening to some good tunes by the fire. The sound of sweet, relaxing and soulful music filled Seegers Union this past Saturday night. Dr. Theodore Conner and his Jazz Band performed in the Seegers Lobby.

Each of the members contributed his musical talent to the band . This created a wonderfully smooth mixture of musical sound.

Dr. Conner plays the guitar and synthesized guitar, which sounds more like a synthesizer keyboard than a guitar. James Tulli, an alumni from Muhlenberg, plays the alto saxophone; John Roberds, also an alumni from Muhlenberg, plays the bass; and Brandon Miller plays the drums. Dr. Conner, James, and John have been performing together for the past four years, and Brandon joined the band six months ago.

The group performs in Seegers Union three or four times a semester and can also be seen playing in Emmaus Conand near Philadelphia.

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Question of the week: *What did you do in the snow this weekend?*

"I romped around and got my feet all wet."
Moriah Purdy, '04

"I slid down the hill by the library on a plastic alligator named Alexander."
Jed Baker, '03

"I wish I had been able to play in the snow, but unfortunately I was on crutches from an ice-skating injury."
Elizabeth Rogler, '03

"I went jogging 4 miles through it."
Matt Jones, '02

Photos by Scott Swartz

Movie reviews

Hunt plays mediocre characters in two recent flicks

By Michael Lerman
Weekly Staff Writer

Starring in four movies in a season is an impressive feat, but it loses value when you're Helen Hunt and the two biggest ones are "What Women Want" and "Cast Away."

"What Women Want"

★★☆☆☆

Mel Gibson is Nick Marshall, a lothario divorcé whose life changes when a freak accident gives him the ability to hear what women think. Naturally, he uses this ability to his advantage whether bedding a waitress (Marissa Tomei) or raising his teenage daughter. Helen Hunt plays Darcy Maguire, who is given the advertising job Nick thought was his. Nick first ruthlessly steals her thoughts and then –since it's a romantic comedy–falls for her.

Mel tries, but he can't get past several silly dance sequences. He gracelessly goes from being like his idol, Frank Sinatra, to a bawling soap addict. And Helen Hunt doesn't really do anything to win Nick's or our affection. Her character is paper-thin. Aside from one soliloquy towards the end, she does little but marvel at Nick's newfound "sensitivity." Amazing that Oscar winners Hunt and Tomei have nothing better to do than just that for about two hours.

Directed by Nancy Meyers, this film is incredibly sophomoric. It handles serious topics (suicide, virginity, divorce) without the sensibility they deserve. Altogether, think of it as "Groundhog Day" in the wrong hands.

While the concept is clever, and stars don't come more likeable than Mel, this movie is just messy.

"Cast Away"

★★⯪☆☆

Some myths need to be debunked. 1) It's not just two hours of silence. 2) It's not just two hours underwater. 3) It's not nearly as good as the hype makes you think.

Tom Hanks mildly deserved his Golden Globe for playing UPS efficiency expert Chuck Noland, whose plane crashes in the South Pacific. Since he is the only survivor, he "creates" a companion by painting a face on a volleyball and naming it "Wilson." Wilson is an odd duality; you wonder if by conversing with it, Chuck is trying to keep his sanity or is losing it. Their relationship is vaguely humorous, but it's also disturbing. Thus, you spend a lot of the movie in emotional purgatory.

The problem with this movie is that director Robert ("Forrest Gump") Zemeckis plays "Cast Away" like it's a trilogy: Pre-Island, Island, and Post-Island, each with its own emotions and morals. In the Post-Island segment, the sentiment of the movie is abandoned for, well, let's just say the reality of Tom Hanks' return home and learning that time hasn't waited for him.

Helen Hunt is Tom Hanks' fianceé, whose picture keeps him going day to day. She has even less of a character to work with here, though she's not on screen that much. Her best (and only good) scene comes in the Post-Island when she embodies a philosophical quandary that, while it is intriguing, the drama is weak and predictable enough that we really don't care.

Sorry, Ms. Hunt, but for this season, this is as good as it gets.

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Family theater performance: *Pandora's Box*

Compiled by Jessica Skrocki, Asst. Life! Editor

This weekend, the Family Performing Arts series presents Tales & Scales, a group of four classical musicians who tell stories through a combination of music and movement, termed by them as "musictelling." The performance will be a retelling of the classic myth Pandora's Box. This version, written for Tales & Scales by Catherine Chuplis and Margaret Muldoon, restores the original myth and then leads to an adventure fueled by Pandora's courage and intuitive belief. The story is brought to life by the four instrumental musicians (flute, clarinet, trombone and percussion), who become characters, objects and dancers to convey Pandora's message. Performances are in the Baker Theatre on Fri., Jan. 26, at 8:00 p.m., and Sat., Jan. 27, at 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. For ticket information, call the box office at 484-664-3333.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT……

Get It Over With Week!

Incredible Resumes
Monday, January 29th
11:30am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm
Moyer 314

Networking Your Way to a Job Or Internship
Tuesday, January 30th
12:30pm – Moyer 109
2:00pm, 3:30pm – Moyer 201

Job Search Strategies That Work
Wednesday, January 31st
10:30am, 12:30pm – Moyer 101
3:00pm – Moyer 201

Interview Like a Pro
Thursday, February 1st
12:30pm, 1:30pm – Moyer 314
3:30pm – Moyer 301

Researching Organizations and Writing Awesome Cover Letters
Friday, February 2nd
11:30am, 2:00pm, 3:30pm
Moyer 314

Sign up in the Office of Career Development and Placement (Lower Level, Seegers Union), or via your Career Connections account.

Get it Over With Week career workshops are open to All Students -- See YOU There!

Tastebuds water at new GQ food

By Joseph Trentacoste
Managing Editor

There's a new face behind the scenes in everyone's favorite on-campus eatery, and students have already begun to taste what's in store for them.

Tracy Luepnitz is the new Director of the General's Quarters, and her short reign has brought about some significant changes to both the GQ menu and atmosphere.

"We want to keep our customers happy," Luepnitz commented. "Student feedback is a big part of what's been going on."

Upon return from winter break, students may have noticed some new daily specials in all of the service areas, including the Deli and the "Action Station." These specials and others unveiled as the week passed are the reason Luepnitz was hired. Director of Dining Services Dan Edwards was delighted to have the help.

"Tracy has done such a wonderful job with the GQ," he said. "We're getting lots of positive feedback about the new items."

Originally from California, Luepnitz comes to Muhlenberg after years as the general manager of Boudin Bakery, world renowned for their sourdough rolls. She is excited as well about the large student support of the new items.

Edwards claimed that many of the ideas came from the student dining committee and customer feedback, but that it was Luepnitz's idea to have comment cards available to the student patrons at all times.

"We know the students have their favorites, and we want to offer those items more often, while leaving plenty of variety," she remarked.

That variety includes new items at all of the stations, such as the grill's sausage and peppers sandwich, the deli's marinated Italian vegetable sub, and the build-your-own nachos at the pizza station.

By popular demand, the GQ is also offering pasta three nights a week. Students can find it at the "Action Station" on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and make their own on Wednesdays at the pizza station.

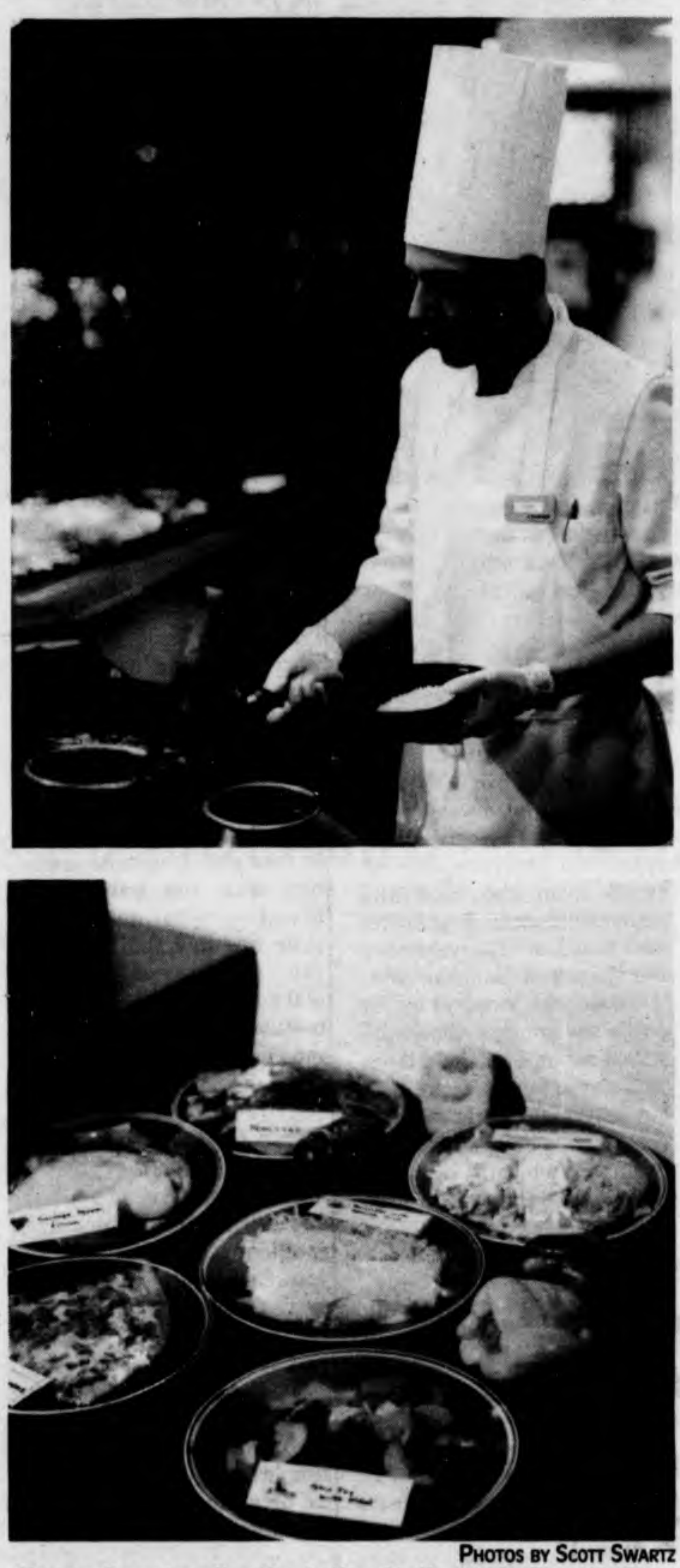
Another favorite, stir-fry, has been expanded to include shrimp and beef in addition to a few new sauces. Luepnitz and Edwards recommend the Thai peanut sauce.

Adding so many new choices fulfilled another purpose, according to Edwards.

"By improving the selection at all the stations, we hoped to alleviate some of the overcrowding at the "Action Station." It seems to have worked." The lines have been noticeably shorter during peak times, though that does not mean one can walk in and out at 6 p.m.

Luepnitz has also been working with the staff, giving ongoing service training and holding meetings where the cooks can practice their recipes. She hopes this will add some consistency to the 'core' items on the menu.

Luepnitz hinted that this might be only the first step of a larger plan, and said that students should keep their eyes open for some theme-based specials in the near future.



Photos by Scott Swartz

Above: Gene handles the Action Station's sizzling stir-fry. Below: Some of the GQ's new daily specials.

Virgin Vinyl

by Stephanie Clarke

Give it up for new music. In a shotgun wedding of medias, The Weekly is teaming up with Muhlenberg's own student radio station WMUH to bring you the most tempting and raw of cutting-edge music you may never have heard otherwise.

Low: *Things We Lost In The Fire*
Kranky Records
Check it out if you like:
Ida, Galaxie 500, Simon & Garfunkel

Low means just that. Low-pitched, low volume, low spirits. But it's a kind of thick, rich melodic melancholy that warms your insides and coats a broken heart. Claimed to be Duluth, Minnesota's finest musical export since Bob Dylan (then again, what can you say about the Duluth scene), Low pay us a gentle visit with their fifth studio LP, "Things We Lost In The Fire," due out next week. Veterans of the so-called "slo-core" bands that laid a foundation for the emo trend today, Low formed in 1993 with husband-and-wife team vocalists Alan Spearhawk and Mimi Parker as guitarist and drummer respectively; John Nichols plays bass.

Ask them and they'll tell you that, "Low plays songs stripped to the bare essentials: slow tempos, quiet voices, powerful lyrics, and minimal instrumentations." But the result is hardly eyelid-tugging. Rather, Low evokes dramatic tension in the unsettling open spaces between notes, playing with the effects of sound as well as the absence of it. In their recent work, however, Low has been jacking up their amps just a bit, evident in "Things We Lost In The Fire," released just months after their collaboration with techmongers Spring Heel Jack. I'd have to agree with the College Music Journal when they claim that Low's latest offering will make you weep, sway and smile.

Wanna hear what all that means? Tune in to Virgin Vinyl this Sunday night, 10-12, on 91.7 FM hosted by Muhlenberg's finest student DJs. You'll hear tracks from Low's new album as well as other brand-spanking new sounds from a plethora of genres, the highest to the Lowest.

life! movie listings
January 26-28

AMC Tilghman 8

Cast Away
Fri.—4 pm, 7:10, 10:20; Sat.—12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20; Sun.—10:45, 4:00, 8:10

Save the Last Dance
Fri.—4:30, 7:50, 10:30; Sun.—1:30, 4:30, 8:15

What Women Want
Fri.—4:20, 7:30, 10:30; Sat.—1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30; Sun—1:20,
4:20, 8:20

Finding Forrester
Fri—4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.—1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sun. 1:00, 4:10, 8:10

The Pledge (special engagement)
Fri.—4:10, 7:15, 10:00; Sat. 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:00;
Sun—1:10, 4:10, 8:00

Miss Congeniality
Fri.—7:00, 9:40; Sat.—Same as Sunday 7:45

Emperor's New Grove
Fri.—5:00; Sat. 1:00, 3:00, 5:00; Sun.—1:00, 3:00, 5:00

Sugar and Spice (special engagement)
5:00, 8:00, 10:10; Sat.—1:50, 8:00, 10:10; Sun.—1:50, 5:00, 8:00

The Wedding Planner (special engagement)
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.—1:40, 4:40, 8:20

Lehigh Valley General Cinema

Cast Away
Fri.and Sat.—1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30; Sun.—12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20

The Pledge
Fri:, Sat. and Sun.—1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

Double Take
1:00, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00; midnight

Wedding Planner
12:20, 2:40, 5, 7:40, 9:55, midnight

Snatch
12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30; midnight

Save the Last Dance
12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50; midnight

What Women Want
12:50, 3:50, 6:40, 9:25

Thirteen Days
Fri. and Sat.—1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:25; Sun.—12:30, 3:30, 6:20, 9:10. Midnight: *Rocky Horror* and *Chasing Amy*

on campus life!

Pull 130 playing at their show on Friday

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Dave Rosenstraus '03 rocks out on the drums in the Red Door last Friday with his fellow band members from New Jersey. Opening the night was Hidden in Plain View, with Kenny Ryan '04 on guitar. The Commercials and Bigwig headlined the show.

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Faculty and alumni jazz up Seegers

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People of all ages attend their performances–kids, college students, and adults. At this performance, kids were running around in circles and dancing to the music as if they were a part of the show. Their carefree and playful nature put smiles on everyone's faces. Time and time again, each band member had a solo that shined through the piece while the other members played supporting background music or followed along in a musical pursuit. The soothing music, along with the warm fire in the fireplace, created a very comforting and inviting atmosphere for everyone who entered from the cold and snowy outdoors. Free coffee and desserts also welcomed the visitors in from the cold.

Those who stopped by for only a few minutes, those who stayed for an hour, and those who stayed for the entire time left Seegers feeling at ease and content. Be sure to stop and listen for a while the next time Dr. Connor and his Jazz Band play in Seegers.

This Weekends... 1.26.01 - 1.28.01

MAC EVENTS

Movie: Almost Famous
Showing Fri & Sun @ 7pm
In the Red Door

Freshman Semi-Formal
w/ Dj Ep 10pm-2am.
Fri - Garden Room

Free Photos in Seegers
10pm-2am Fri

Music: Doug McHoul &
Brad Rosen 8pm-9:30pm
Sat - Seeger's Lobby

Psychic Fair - 10pm-2am
Sat - Seeger's Lobby

Dance Pary Sat 11pm-2am
w/ DJ Jared Rosen
In The Red Door

Horoscopes

by Christine Moyer

♈ **Aries 3/21 - 4/19**
Your friends and family seem to be getting a little too close for comfort lately, and you feel as if you need some time for yourself. Don't feel bad about wanting to spend a little bit of time alone. However, don't neglect an important problem that comes up in the life of one of your good friends, because she is going to need you!

♉ **Taurus 4/20 - 5/20**
You try to take on too many things at once, so this weekend you need to slow down! Try doing only those tasks that are absolutely necessary for you to do. If you feel tempted to take on the world again, call up your friend whose laid back attitude always helps you to relax.

♊ **Gemini 5/21 - 6/21**
Your love life has been slow but get ready for it to take off! A certain someone who you have been friends with for quite some time has had their eye on you. Now they are going to make their move. Don't act hastily when they try to make the move from just friends to more than that.

♋ **Cancer 6/22 - 7/22**
You are typically very strong-willed and self-assured, which are excellent attributes that help you reach your goals. However, a certain someone that you have had your eye on had become intimidated by your confidence. Rather than acting passive to ease his or her mind, try some simple things. For example, let them dominate the conversation once in a while.

♌ **Leo 7/23 - 8/22**
You need to open you eyes this week because an amazing job opportunity could possibly pass before your eyes. Remember that along with keeping your eyes open, you also need an open mind. Don't be hesitant about doing something that you wouldn't normally do.

♍ **Virgo 8/23 - 9/22**
Don't be afraid to take risks this week! There is going to be an opportunity for you to fulfill a lifelong dream. However, the catch is that you're going to have to make a decision that you are uncomfortable with.

♎ **Libra 9/23 - 10/22**
You are often very indecisive but an important opportunity is coming your way and it is necessary that you make a definite decision. Don't be hesitant about turning to a friend to help you make up your mind. But remember it is ultimately your decision and that you should not depend on someone to make your decisions for you.

♏ **Scorpio 10/23 - 11/21**
Most people don't realize how much you are juggling right now. So don't get angry when your friends don't understand why you are under so much pressure. Try to relax this weekend with a long walk, or by engaging in an activity that you enjoy.

♐ **Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**
You are often a very creative person. This week you are going to have to put those skills to the test. Don't doubt your abilities.

♑ **Capricorn 12/22 - 1/19**
You have many things on your mind and you are becoming frantic trying to figure them all out. Try talking to a friend who you know will listen. Remember that keeping all of your problems to your self is neither a good nor a healthy idea.

♒ **Aquarius 1/20 - 2/18**
After such a crazy week you need some down time, so take this weekend to relax. You've been feeling a little edgy lately because of all of your stress, so blow off some of that steam at the gym.

♓ **Pisces 2/19-3/20**
You've been feeling as if things just aren't going your way this week, but don't worry—next week your luck is going to change. Remember to keep an open heart and an open mind.

Women's b-ball crushes Bryn Mawr 62-10 to pull out of slump

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

After struggling over the holiday break, the Women's Basketball team is slowly getting back on track. The Mules lost in both the semifinals and the consolation round of the Grotto Pizza Lady Monarch Classic Tournament, held at King's College in early January. The Mules were plagued by inconsistent offense, especially in the second half of both games. Following the tournament losses, the Mules traveled to Gettysburg. This time it was the Mules defense that faltered, allowing the Lady Bullets to end the first half of play with a 20-7 run. The Mules played Gettysburg even up the second half, but could not overcome the deficit and fell to the Bullets by the final score of 73-57. The Mules have begun to rebound from their holiday struggles, however, winning four out of their last five games. Muhlenberg hosted Haverford and defeated the Fords by scoring 90 points for the first time in five years. The Mule offense was lead by senior Jennifer O'Neill who drained nine out of 13 shots for a team high 20 points. Junior Lindsay St. Lawrence followed close behind O'Neill, offensively adding 15 points of her own. The Mules then hosted non-conference opponent Susquehanna University on January 15. Muhlenberg defeated the Crusaders by the final score of 61-52. The Mules lead by five points at the half, but Susquehanna caught up quickly at the beginning of the second half. After what the crowd perceived to be a horrible charging call by the officials, the Muhlenberg offense took off, and the Mules went on an 8-2 run. The Mules' offense attack was lead by junior Lindsay St. Lawrence who finished with 13 points and senior Jessica Drennan who added 12 points. Drennan also contributed 14 rebounds finishing with her third double-double of the season.

Photo by Scott Swartz
Amber Nelson '04 puts up a jump shot.

The Mules extended their winning streak to three by defeating Washington (Md.) by the score of 78-69. The Mules shot an impressive 50 percent from the field in the first half to open up a 16-point lead going into halftime. The Shorewomen attempted to close the gap in the second half but senior Jennifer O'Neill eliminated their hopes by draining two 3-point shots with 48 seconds to secure the victory for the Mules. O'Neill led the Mules with 13 points, junior Lindsay St. Lawrence added 11 points and freshman Becky Richmond had her best game of the season with nine points.

Muhlenberg's three game winning streak was snapped, however, by Centennial Conference East opponent Swarthmore on Saturday, January 20. The Mules were behind by 11 points at the half, and tied the game with a little less than eight minutes to play. The Garnets went on a 13 point run to defeat the Mules by the score of 59-48. The loss leaves the Mules two full games behind Swarthmore in the Centennial Conference East race.

The Mules recovered from their loss at Swarthmore by trouncing Bryn Mawr 62-10 on Monday. Muhlenberg held the Mawrters scoreless in the first half and extended their lead to 45-0 before Bryn Mawr finally got on the board. The Mules were able to play 12 different players in the contest and freshman Becky Richmond and Jill Friedman lead the way with eight points a piece. Playing in her first varsity games, Friedman also had nine rebounds. Fellow freshman Susan Marchiano pulled down 12 rebounds for Muhlenberg.

The Mules' next home game is on Saturday, January 27 at 1:00 p.m. against Centennial Conference rival Western Maryland.

Men's lacrosse team dream finally becomes reality

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good to share, we should be okay. We are looking at the future with good amounts of locker space."

The cost and design of uniforms are still undetermined; equipment, such as helmets and pads, will most likely be supplied for the team. As club sport participants, many men's lacrosse players now use their own equipment or borrow from others.

Neither funds nor fans will be taken away from any other varsity team with the new men's lacrosse team. All varsity programs here have equal funds, Erber explained.

The men's lacrosse team will not mean less money for other sports because the team is "not exactly starting from scratch. We will fundraise money for the program by talking to alumni.

Muhlenberg will give the same funds to men's lacrosse as to any other team, first class," Erber continued.

The team will receive donations from alumni, who have been active for years in this process of reinstating the men's varsity lacrosse team.

Erber stated in the a press release, "We already have an excellent alumni funding base to support the reinstatement of this program."

It is expected that men's lacrosse games will be adding new fans instead of taking any away from other sports; they will hopefully see men's lacrosse as a new option.

Once a schedule has been developed, the team will compete in the Centennial Conference of NCAA Division III Athletics. The schedule will be based around the other nine Centennial Conference schools and schools within a three hour radius of the College.

"Lacrosse is a very northeast game," Erber explained. "We are already a member of one of the best Division III conferences in the country, and we are very close to schools in New York with good Division III lacrosse programs. We will have to see what fits."

There are 122 Division III institutions that sponsor men's lacrosse as a varsity sport, including all of the other Centennial Conference schools, which are known to having strong men's lacrosse teams.

Johns Hopkins, in the Centennial Conference, competes at the Division I level. Two of the top Division III programs in the country are Gettysburg and Washington (Md.), that are also in the Centennial Conference.

No coach has been hired for the men's lacrosse team. A coach from outside of the Muhlenberg community will be hired to coach the team. Though the College plans to hire a lacrosse coach from the outside, College Chaplain Peter Bredlau, who has a lacrosse background, will work with the club this spring.

The club consists of approximately 25 students, but the numbers are expected to increase when it becomes a varsity sport. Bredlau is looking forward to spending time with the players and improving their skills for next year.

He explained, "Because it is still a club, the players' expectations will be different. They will not be as concerned with wins and losses as just continuing to generate interest in lacrosse on campus."

Men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse differ greatly, and this season. Bredlau hopes to give students on campus an opportunity to watch men's lacrosse games, either experiencing it for the first time or watching their favorite sport, in a different way from watching women's.

Bredlau also has personal expectations for the spring season. He hopes that the men will enjoy playing lacrosse because "sports are not fun if played in misery. Hopefully we won't take out any injuries this semester either," he joked.

Junior Mark Attia is the representative and most active member and of the men's lacrosse club. Although recruited for lacrosse for other Division III colleges, Attia as well as other members of the men's lacrosse club chose the College for reasons such as academics over playing lacrosse at a Division III school.

Last year when there was no solid men's lacrosse club, Attia helped to find a coach, advisor and appropriate faculty members to organize the representatives of the team. He also had to work on funding for the club. He said that it took awhile to find a coach, and that the club consisted of a lot of players with skill. Attia explained that last year the club "came together slowly but had tremendous results, there were a lot of players here with skill."

The club needed funds for equipment because it was their first year and not all the players had equipment. Many players ended up borrowing equipment for their game from the Swain School, where Attia works.

At the end of the season, the club was successfully organized and many fans showed up to their game.

This year, Attia believes that everything will get together much easier than last year, because now men's lacrosse has a lot of support from the school.

"We're moving in the right direction and Muhlenberg is going to have a good lacrosse team in the future," he added.

Men's Basketball

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Sophomore Anthony Strachan hit six clutch free throws down the stretch to ice the victory while recording a double-double with 14 points and 12 boards. Michael Rossmell hit a key three pointer in the extra session and finished the game with 12 points and 3 steals. Michael Barletta converted four three pointers on his was to a 17 point performance while Lesko and Strom each contributed 11 points. The Mules shot 36% from the field while going 25-37 from the free throw line.

The Mules look to stay in the first place hunt within the division with home contests against Conference opponents Ursinus on Thursday night at 8pm, and Western Maryland on Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

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Superbowl XXXV: Ravens vs. Giants

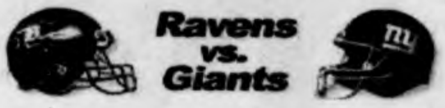
Good defense will keep scores low

By Michael Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

The Super Bowl. The ultimate prize. Perhaps the biggest, the most important and the most watched sporting event that America has to offer. Thirty-one teams start training camp with the notion that this will be their year; that this is the year they will be going to the Bowl. During the season, teams are eliminated from the playoffs, and only the best six teams in each conference make it to postseason. For these teams, determination and hard work have lead up to this point. They know now that every game could be their last. One by one, teams are eliminated until only two survive. The best of the AFC meets the best of NFC in the battle for the Vince Lombardi trophy. One team will win, while the other team will return home empty-handed with a long wait for another shot to win the ultimate prize.

So this year, who is competing in Super Bowl XXXV? The two teams with a chance to win the Vince Lombardi Trophy and a world national championship are the New York Giants and the Baltimore Ravens. By now, you probably know that the New York Giants are representing the National Football Conference, while the Baltimore Ravens (formerly the Cleveland Browns) are representing the American Football Conference. What do I happen to think of the match-up? First off, like the rest of you, at the start of the season I would have never guessed that the Ravens and Giants would be the two teams in the Super Bowl. Although this match-up comes as a quite a surprise, those of you that follow the National Football League know that with the parity of teams (create mainly by the unbalance schedule) any team can g from worst to first. Las year, the Giants and the Ravens didn't even make the playoffs. The main difference in the 2000 season, as compared to previous seasons, was that there was no dominant team. By dominant team, I am referring to a good, well rounded team with a good defense and a good offense, but most importantly a team that dominated the sport. Last year, that team was the Rams. In the mid to late 1990s, it was the Denver Broncos and the Green Bay Packers.

For the Ravens, one word comes to mind: defense. This season, the Ravens' defense only allowed 165 points, setting a NFL record for least points allowed in a 16 game season. During the playoffs, the Ravens kept up their incredible defensive performance by only allowing a combined 16 points in three playoff games. That averages out to only about 5 points a game. The defense, led by linebacker Ray Lewis, knows it is their job to win the game, since the Raven offense is horrendous. It is unbelievable that the Ravens are a team that find themselves in the Super Bowl, after their offense did not score one single touchdown in the entire month of October. Ex-Tampa Bay Buccaneer Trent Dilfer, who was released by that team at the end of last season, is back in Tampa this weekend to prove to the Buccaneers his demise as a quarterback may have been premature. It could be said that Dilfer might be the worst quarterback to ever lead a team to the big game. With the support of the Raven defense, maybe even Doug Pederson could have led the Ravens to Tampa. The defense only asks for Dilfer and the offense not to turn the ball over, so that they can be allowed to carry the day.



Similar to the Ravens, the Giants have won their two-playoff games in convincing fashion. Like the Ravens, the Giants have a tremendous defense as well. The Giants are ranked 1st in the NFC for defense and have limited the opposition to fewer than 100 yards rushing in eight straight games. Unlike the Ravens, however, the Giants have an offense that knows how to put points on the board. Quarterback Kerry Collins has resurrected his career with the Giants after being cut by the Carolina Panthers two seasons ago, due to many problems, including alcoholism. To say that Collins has come off the quarterback trash heap is an understatement. This season, Collins passed for 3,610 yards. To compliment Collin's arm strength, the Giants have one of the best running attacks in the NFL. The "Thunder" and "Lightning" combination of `Ron Dayne and Tiki Barber rushed for 1,962 yards for the season, including the two playoff games. Ever since Coach Jim Fassel declared "this team will make the playoffs or else feel free to fire me," his team has responded with seven straight wins.

Usually, I am asked, "who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl?" This year, I am asked another question: do I happen to think that the Super Bowl will be a boring game?

Ultimately, that depends on what "boring" means to you. If you want an explosive game like last year's Super Bowl, then yes, the game will be "boring". If you are looking for a good close game, then I doubt that the game will be "boring" after all. You should look for a defensive struggle. When the best defense in the NFC is going up against the best defense in the AFC, the winner of the game will usually be the team that creates the most turnovers. As for the Giants, I think they have a better offense than the Ravens. However, offenses never win championships, defenses do. If you don't believe me, just ask any player on the Rams why they aren't appearing in Super Bowl XXXV. Is this game the best the NFL has to offer? No, but it will have to do. The best teams don't always make it to the Super Bowl. The highlight of this game may be the commercials if you like offensive football. My prediction: Ravens win a low scoring game.

Men's basketball wins tournament title

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

Following the layoff during winter break, the Muhlenberg men's basketball team looked to storm into the New Year with their appearance in the Greyhound Classic. In the opening round, the Mules rolled over non-conference opponent Grove City, 78-64. Michael Rossmell opened the second half with two three pointers, extending the Mules halftime lead to double digits and effectively putting the game out of reach. Rossmell tied his career high point total of 19 in the game, while Junior Mark Lesko started the tournament off with a stellar performance, leading the team with 28 points, 11 rebounds, and four blocked shots. Mike Barletta added 16 points while shooting over 40% from the field in the first round victory.

With their decisive opening round win in the books, the Mules squared off against long time rival Moravian in the championship game of the tournament. Knowing that they had not won at Moravian since 1995, the Mules needed to start the game off strong. That however was not the case as Moravian led by as many as 16 points in the first half while looking to turn the game into a laugher. In the second half, it was evident that the mules displayed tremendous resiliency and determination. Slowly and steadily, the Mules chipped away at the deficit: Moravian had led the first 39 minutes of the game, and the Mules still trailed with a minute left to play. Yet, games are decided not by who leads for the longest stretch, but by who owns the margin of victory at the final buzzer. Sparked by a Toomey Anderson tip-in and a Mark Lesko slam, the Mules road the crest of outscoring Moravian 54-34 in the second half to complete an amazing comeback and capture the Greyhound Classic Title, 75-69. Mike Barletta led the Mules with 22 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Lesko had his second straight double-double of the tournament with 17 points and 13 rebounds, while also being named to the All-Tournament Team.

With the tournament title won, the Mules turned to their Centennial Conference schedule. Despite setbacks to Gettysburg and Washington, the Mules earned their first Conference victory of the season with a 57-56 victory over Haverford. The Mules were lead by Junior Mark Lesko who continued his scoring barrage with a 22-point, 11 rebound performance. Both Cweika and Barletta chipped in with nine points apiece.

The Mules continued their winning ways with an impressive 79-74 overtime victory over conference rival Swarthmore to improve their overall record to 7-7 and put them in a three-way tie for first place in the Centennial Conference East division.

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Profile of a Mule

Pinning down a championship is the ultimate dream for Holsinger

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Junior Bill Holsinger has continually found success in wrestling beginning at the young age of three. His leadership roles, positive attitude, constant dedication, valuable skills, and frequent record breaking have all molded him into the well-rounded team member that he is today.

Holsinger began his career as a wrestler in a youth club, from before elementary school up until 8th grade. His extended encounters with the sport allowed him to gather many achievements throughout his high school years in Quakertown, Pennsylvania.

As team captain in his sophomore, junior, and senior years, Holsinger refined his own skills while setting a good example and encouraging his teammates. He won sectionals during both his junior and senior years and also won districts in his senior year. Holsinger set the fourth best overall record at Quakertown at 104-25. His 52 pins also established a record for the 2nd most pins in history at his school.

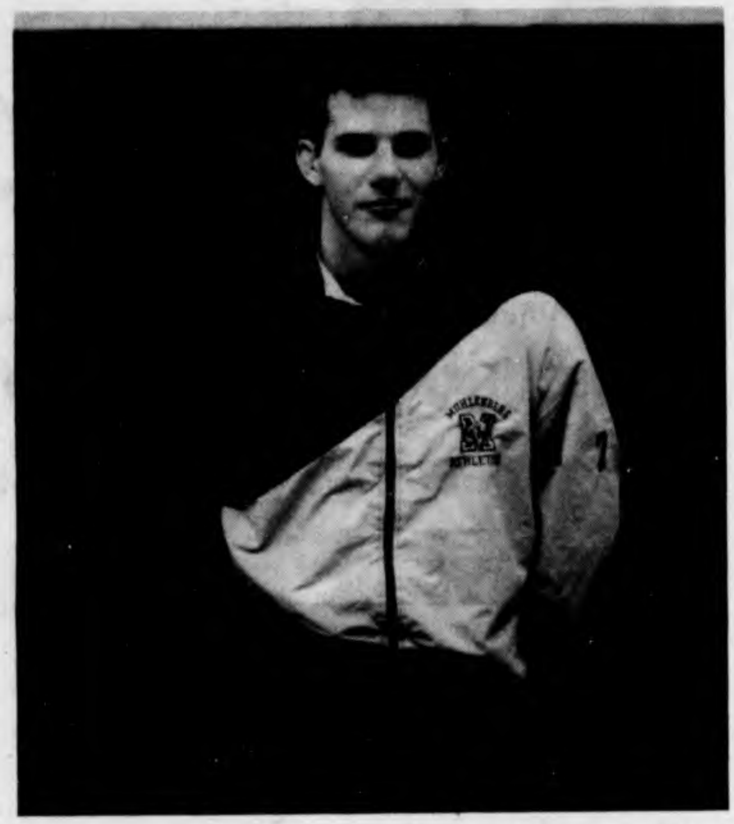
He learned of Muhlenberg College when Head Coach Tom Schleicher contacted him. Holsinger's attraction to the school was a combination of close proximity to home as well as other key features, such as the wrestling program, which he was very interested in joining.

So far here at Muhlenberg Holsinger has been very pleased with the status of the wrestling team. He went to nationals in his freshman year and looks back on it as a "great experience." He also feels that the team has improved greatly over his time here. "We're more of a team this year than we were any other year. I think we're a lot closer and the guys we have now are much more dedicated than ever before," he said.

Holsinger now wrestles at the 149-weight class. His wrestling weight has fluctuated greatly throughout the years, and he says, "I think this is my most stable weight so far. I feel like I'm in just the right place now." Holsinger believes that this, along with all of his hard work (including running, lifting weights, and eating healthy) has contributed to his triumphs within the sport.

Beyond wrestling, Holsinger has many interests. He likes going on road trips with his friends to places such as other colleges. He also has a strong interest in art. At Muhlenberg, Holsinger is majoring in Accounting and Business with a concentration in Human Resources. He looks forward to the rest of the season and school year, confident that they will continue to be victorious.

The team is 13-3 overall and undefeated in the Centennial Conference thus far. One of the biggest challenges is quickly approaching, when the Mules visit Ursinus on Thursday, February 1. Holsinger comments, "Ursinus is the only other undefeated team in our Conference so we're really going to have to work hard." The winner of this match will be the Dual Meet Conference Champions.



Winter Break Update

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Men's Basketball

Dec. 8 – Muhlenberg 85, Moravian 78

Muhlenberg defeated its closest adversary for the eleventh time at Memorial Hall. Moravian took a 64-63 lead with 6:37 left to play, but back-to-back three-pointers by sophomores Michael Rossmell and Toomey Anderson gave the Mules the edge which they carried to the end of the game.

Jan. 3 – Albright 81, Muhlenberg 75

While it was a disappointing loss for Muhlenberg, this game did have several highlights. Junior Mark Lesko scored 36 points making him only the second player in school history to score at least 35 points in two games, and the first to do it twice in the same season. Junior Michael Barletta scored a career-high 18 points.

Jan. 5 – Muhlenberg 78, Grove City 64

The Mules win their first round game for the eleventh year in the Greyhound Classic. While Muhlenberg led by only six points at the half, Rossmell scored back-to-back three-pointers. A school record was tied by blocking eight shots.

Jan. 6 – Muhlenberg 75, Moravian 69

This was Muhlenberg's first win at Moravian since '95. The Mules only led the last 59 seconds of the game, but it was enough to win the championship game of the Greyhound Classic. Barletta was named tournament MVP, and Lesko was on the All-Tournament Team.

Jan. 10 – Gettysburg 63, Muhlenberg 54

The Mules overcame an eleven-point deficit early on to gain a three-point lead at the half but the team wasn't able to overcome another large deficit in the second half. Lesko led with 17 points and seven rebounds.

Jan. 13 – Muhlenberg 57, Haverford 56

Muhlenberg held Haverford to a 57-54 lead with 1:07 remaining on the clock. Haverford scored a field goal, got the ball back but failed to score in the final 17 seconds of the game.

Jan. 16 – Washington (Md.) 77, Muhlenberg 62

An unfortunate loss occurred at Washington despite a rallying comeback by the Mules. Muhlenberg was down by 18 points early in the second half before going on a 15-0 run to get within three points with 11:48 left on the clock. Junior Bill Cwieka scored a career-high 17 points in this game.

Women's Basketball

Jan. 5 – Salisbury State 70, Muhlenberg 42

Playing for the first time in almost a month, Muhlenberg was not able to pull the game together and lost in the first round of the Grotto Pizza Lady Monarch Classic. Freshman Erin DeVaney scored a career-high ten points.

Jan. 6 – King's 55, Muhlenberg 42

The women's basketball team took a three-point lead with 12:24 to play but then King's went on a 17-1 run losing the Grotto Pizza Lady Monarch Classic consolation game. Freshman Susan Marchiano scored five points and had five rebounds to earn a spot on the All-Tournament Team.

Jan. 10 – Gettysburg 73, Muhlenberg 57

An unfortunate game for the Mules, resulting in their third straight loss. Senior Jennifer O'Neill scored a season high with 14 points.

Jan. 13 – Muhlenberg 90, Haverford 51

Muhlenberg ended its losing streak as the team passed the 90-point mark for the first time in five years. O'Neill scored a career-high 20 points.

Wrestling

Jan. 16 – Bridgewater State 26, Muhlenberg 18; Muhlenberg 27, Trinity College 23; Muhlenberg 39, MIT 18; Muhlenberg 40, Western New England 9

For the second straight year, Muhlenberg went 3-1 at the North/South Duals hosted by Ursinus. Junior Bill Holsinger (149) and senior Jason McLean (141) each won their four bouts. Junior Heavyweight Tyler Cathey went 3-0 in his first match of the season.

Jan. 10 – Muhlenberg 26; Washington & Lee 13; Muhlenberg 34, Southern Virginia 18

Holsinger improved his record to 21-3 with his two wins while sophomore Nate Yeasted (133) also reached the 20-win mark for the year.

Jan. 13 – Muhlenberg 54, Maritime (N.Y.) 3; Muhlenberg 26, Kings Point 15

The Mules extended their longest winning streak in seven years to seven with another double win at Kings Point. Sophomores Joe Salerno and Yeasted were double winners. Holsinger and McLean both remained undefeated in dual matches.

Jan. 16 – Muhlenberg 31, Scranton 15

The Mules were down early to 12-0 but came back to win all but one of the seven final bouts and won its 8th match in a row. This was the first time Muhlenberg reached double digit wins since 1993. Senior Dan Ochoa led the comeback with the first of three lightening quick pins. Ochoa pinned his opponent in 58 seconds, Cathey in 1:20, and Yeasted in 47 seconds. Holsinger managed an 11-10 win in the final bout for his twelth straight win.

Indoor Track and Field

Jan. 13 – Lehigh's Covert Classic

A small number of Muhlenberg's athletes traveled to Lehigh for a meet that included mostly Division I teams. Freshman Josh Cohen set the school record in the 400 meters with a 53:04. Senior Katrina Beck placed sixth in the high jump (5-0).

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Wrestling sets the record for most consecutive season wins

Team becomes 13-3 with wins against Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

With Saturday's two victories against Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg, the Muhlenberg wrestling team set the school record for most consecutive wins in a season. The Mules have won 11 matches in a row, which is the most by the Muhlenberg wrestling program in its 60 years of existence.

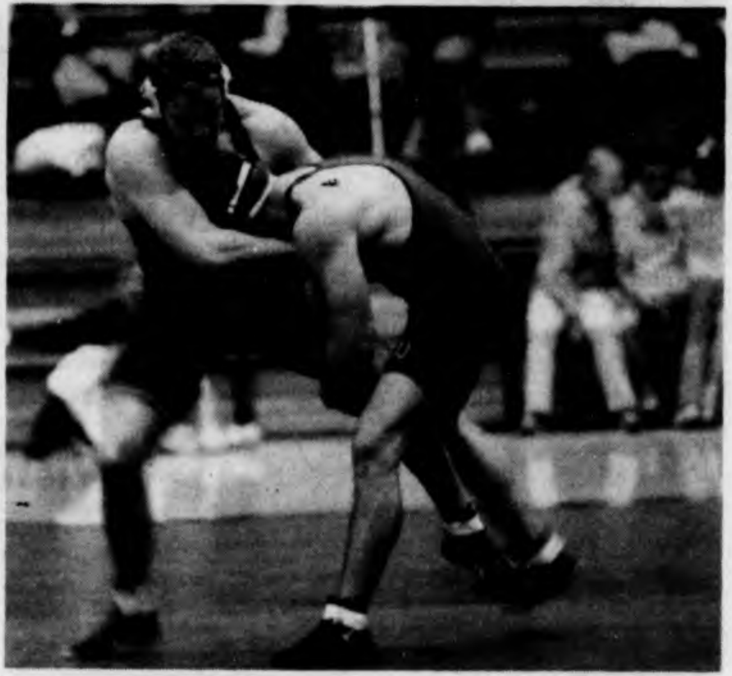
After a .500 start in their first four dual matches, the Mules have gone on a tear to put their record at 13-2. "We've got ten hard workers, we trained hard and it's paying off," says Junior David Jenning. Since an opening season loss to NYU in early November, the Mules have only lost once. With a month left of play, the wrestling team has already tied the mark for most wins in a season with 13. That record was set at the end of the 1992-1993 season.

On Saturday, the Mules were matched up against Centennial Conference foes, Johns Hopkins and Gettysburg. The Mules easily defeated Johns Hopkins 39-9 and upended Gettysburg 25-15 in matches against two wrestling teams at the bottom of the Centennial Conference standings. Freshman Bill Cummins (197 pounds) led the way for Muhlenberg by recording his first career win in collegiate wrestling when he pinned Jake Jenkins of Hopkins in 1:25. Junior Tyler Cathey (HWT), Sophomore Jed Wulfekotte (125), Sophomore Nate Yeasted (133), Senior Jason McLean (141), Junior Bill Holsinger (149), Sophomore Joe Salerno (157) and Jenning (184) also had victories as the Mules defeated Johns Hopkins in eight out of the ten weight classes. Against Gettysburg, the Mules got wins from Cathey, Wulfekotte, McLean, Freshman David Brown (149), Salerno and Holsinger. Holsinger's decision over Tim Scarpato of the Bullets by a score of 10-2 improved his season record to 27-3 and extended his personal winning streak to 15 matches in a row without a loss. These two Centennial Conference victories left the Mules conference record at 4-0.

The victories over Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins were just the end of a great week for the Mules. The Mules started the week with victories over non-conference opponents, Scranton and Albright. On Tuesday, the Mules came back from a horrible start to defeat Scranton. The Mules got down 12-0 early, but were able to overcome their rough start by winning six of their final seven bouts. Senior Dan Ochoa began the comeback with one of three quick pins by the Mules. Ochoa pinned Scranton's Mike Slokovitz in 58 seconds. Cathey and Yeasted followed with pins of their own. Holsinger's 11-10 win over Anthony Politi capped the come from behind victory. The Mules next dismantled Albright 33-9. Three Albright forfeits and one injury default put Muhleberg in great shape, and they walked away with a lopsided victory.

The Mules have also been aided by the return of Cathey from injury. Cathey, a two-time qualifier for NCAA Division III Championships also finished in first place at the Centennial Conference Championships last season. With his two victories on Saturday, Cathey kept his record unscathed at 11-0 for this season. Upon Cathey's return to the lineup against Bridgewater State, the Mules fell 26-18, but since that meet the Mules have not lost.

The next opportunity for the Mules to extend their winning streak will be January 27 when they match up with King's College. Earlier in the season, both King's and Muhlenberg participated in the Monarch Invitational, and came in second and third place respectively. The Mules will also wrestle for the dual-meet championship on February 1 at Ursinus, the reigning Centennial Conference Champion. Jennings says that the King's match will be a "good test and will be our best dual meet, but not as important" as the match against Ursinus because a victory would put the Mules in great shape for the upcoming conference tournament.



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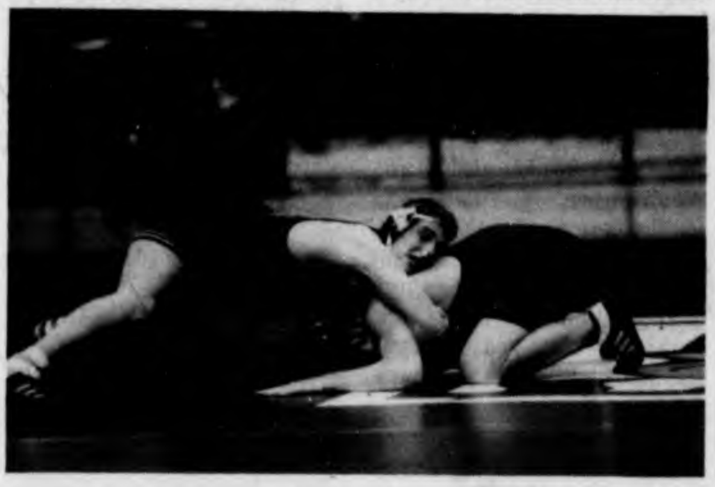
Junior Dave Jennings blocks the single leg shot against his Johns Hopkins opponent in the 184-lb. weight class.



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Sophomore Greg Jacobs puts his opponent in a front quarter nelson.

Indoor track team sets four school records

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

This past Friday, Jan. 19, the Indoor Track team ran at their first meet of the season: the Kutztown Invitational.

The Mules smashed four school records that afternoon. Junior Will Elson won the 800 meters by running a 1:58.63, breaking the school record and qualifying for the ECAC Championships.

Elson said, "Last year, I was trying to use the Conference to qualify for the ECAC Championship, but I didn't make it. This year, I ran under two minutes in the very first meet of the season. I'm running better in the beginning of this season than I was at the end of last season. But, while the Championship is very important, I'm much more concerned about the conference right now. The conference is something everyone needs to concentrate on as a team. The championship is a lot more of an individual competition. Once we get passed the conference, I can concentrate on the championship, but not until then. Right now, I'm just taking things one step at a time."

Freshman Josh Cohen broke the record he set last week in Lehigh's Covert Classic by finishing third in the 400 meters with a 52.4. Senior Laura Roth broke the school record in the 800 meters with a 2:28.9. Freshman Trisha Yordy set the school record in the 55 meters with an 8.03.

"The team has been working really hard since October and its starting to pay off," Yordy said. "I'm just really excited to start competing." When asked about her personal performance she stated, "I wasn't looking to break the record. When my coach told me I did I was very suprised and excited at the same time."

Team member Robin Holden stated "The team is doing really good. The people are really strong. Everyone is running really well and are all very enthusiastic about running. Everyone is looking forward to improving in every meet, and if everything keeps going well the records will keep falling."

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To freshmen, College pushes 'self-directed inquiry'

'Cluster of courses' is curriculum

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

The College recently finished a push to freshmen for its Self-Directed Inquiry Program, which would give students the option of bypassing the sometimes rigid graduation requirements and creating their own curriculum focused around a central theme.

There are now five students following the program and about seven freshmen responded to a recent round of mailings plugging it, according to Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio, advisor to the Self-Directed Inquiry Program (SDIP).

"The purpose of the self-directed inquiry is, someone can basically construct his or her own curriculum," Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of Academic Life, said. "It's intended for students who may already be aware of the liberal arts curriculum and the correlation between disci-

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New track records

At its meet at Bucknell, the indoor track team set school records in six different events. Page 16.

Ten cars in the area and about 20 more across the city were vandalized with a pellet gun Saturday night. Some freshmen who reported the damage to the Department of Campus Safety subsequently received citations for having cars on campus. More in Campus Safety Notes, page 8.
Photo by Scott Swartz

Mac owners run into problems, but OIT says it's not so simple

By Jodi Stark
Weekly Staff Writer

Sophomore Josh Brookstein was granted a free laptop computer from Apple during his senior year of high school. Yet upon arriving as a freshman, he discovered that the school's network would not accommodate his Macintosh computer. He was determined to see if anything could be done about this, but the school was very adamant about its position. As a result, Brookstein was forced to sell his computer and spend an additional thousand dollars to buy an IBM. Brookstein says, "OIT could have been more helpful to me, as well as other students who have Macs. The school should definitely look into an IBM and Mac compatible network."

The Office of Information and Technology (OIT) claims that the issue is not a cut-and-dried one. Bob Mahar, the

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Squirrels are good for something, after all

They sustain bird population on a campus rich with food

By Nina Forsberg
Weekly Staff Writer

Over the past ten years, the campus has become the prime hunting grounds for about three or four very noticeable red-tailed hawks.

Biology professor and ornithologist Dr. Daniel Klem explains that this started about ten years ago, when a pair decided to nest on campus. They taught their offspring to hunt here and hawks tend to return to where they learned this skill. So, these birds find their way here year after year.

It is also likely that the College's high perches and abundance of food (squirrels and rock doves) which has kept them coming. These dramatic birds of prey are the primary campus eye-catchers, as they perch visibly on the tennis court and soccer field fences as well as on our high tree branches.

Occasionally, a student will get to see a red-tail catching a squirrel, and then extending its wings to protect the kill from other hungry birds. While they control the squirrels, the large population of year round resident American crows and the blue jays keeps the hawks themselves in check. Klem explains that the crows and jays will "mob" the hawks, spiraling around and pecking at them, until the hawk leaves the area. In addition to these red-tailed hawks, coopers and sharp-shinned hawks can also be found on campus.

Klem recalls one unusual campus raptor

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Commons to get a facelift with WMUH, TV studio

Communication Dept. moved

By Lauren Jacobs
Weekly Staff Writer

The Commons building, which now stores custodial offices and is used as storage space, will be renovated soon to include the Department of Communication, WMUH and the television studio.

When academic departments moved from the Commons building to Moyer Hall last spring, which opened in the spring, it created an "available resource," Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty and Vice President of Academic Affairs, said.

There were questions about what the College could use it for.

There already was a desire to move WMUH, expressed both by the College and by student leaders. Dretsch said College officials tried to iden-

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Deans may reevaluate exam scheduling

No 'fundamental' change in store

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

The College may examine the way it administers final exams to bring it in line with more contemporary teaching styles—but there is little organization to that effort and the exam schedule for the spring will continue as scheduled.

After some faculty members highlighted the shortcomings of the current system at a meeting last month, both Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean for Academic Life and Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty acknowledged that the system does not efficiently accomplish the goals of examinations in many classes.

"For most classes, we no longer use the three-hour block," Shiner-Wilson said, adding that many classes have nontraditional exams like final papers rather than exams. "They don't require time and space and especially three hours."

Dretsch said that the current exam schedule, which was devised years ago, operates under a set of assumptions that, in some cases, do not hold today. It assumes a comprehensive final evaluation that examines material in the class. Now, the schedule handles the exam needs of classes "less efficiently" than it could, he said.

"We need to take some time to test the validity of those assumptions," Dretsch said.

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College Profile

Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. has self-scheduled exams. The prospect of a similar program here would mean significant changes in the atmosphere. See article, page 7.

The Weekly Review

CURRENTLY, FIVE STUDENTS WHO ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT pursuing their own academic interests rather than the College's traditional graduation requirements are enrolled in the Self-Directed Inquiry Program (SDIP). Recently, the class of 2004 received information about this opportunity-students who feel that the traditional curriculum is "too structured and constraining" to their level of curiosity and learning can receive a bachelor's degree in a program of study that is individualized, without sticking to a set course of study.

Most first year students are only 17 or 18 years old - the last thing in their mind would be a career goal, or even what to achieve academically. They enrolled in a liberal arts college to get just that - a well-rounded education. The SDIP poses a great opportunity, but a first year student may not realize how advantageous the program could be to their lives and careers. It is more traditional to rely on the majors offered and the career paths that follow.

Most students come into college undeclared - they want to explore the different academic environments and see where their interests and strengths lie. Muhlenberg emphasizes a well-balanced education; it is important to be focused on different perspectives that involve critical thinking and communication-oriented courses. The opportunities offered at the start of a student's college career through the SDIP can't drive a student into a selection of unknown majors.

Upperclassmen can look upon graduation with a grain of salt. The thought of Muhlenberg graduates joining the workforce following a self-directed inquiry program can be positive with their specific direction towards their career. The proposal of a program focused on Economics and Theatre Arts can be very beneficial for a future accountant that has interest in the economics of Broadway.

Most students come into college undeclared-they want to explore the different academic environments and see where their interests and strengths lie.

Students may think this is an easy way to get out of taking calculus, or their literature requirement -- but the time they would spend studying for classes that don't fit their academic interest is spent planning an individualized program, in an interdisciplinary seminar, a senior project, and a Capstone Seminar. Only two-thirds of the student's program may be taken in one curriculum division (like fine arts and theater, for example) and they must take half of the 34 course units to graduate from Muhlenberg.

On the other hand, however, traditional majors are directly linked to traditional job opportunities and traditional graduate and professional schools. With graduates of this program receiving diplomas in "Self-Directed Inquiry," not a specifically mandated interdisciplinary concentration, the member students are put at a substantial disadvantage. Especially in interview-less scenarios, such as law schools that do not grant interviews, the student is given little, if any, opportunity to explain in detail his/her concentration. While the program is certainly worthy of applause, the College has a certain obligation to the student participants to grant degrees that state his/her specific area of study, as to not encounter unneeded and unnecessary disadvantages.

This program fits with the College's mission statement of independent, free-minded thinkers. But why are so few students participating? We are a small liberal arts college, and there may not be enough courses that will contribute to an individualized learning experience -- the courses are based on pre-established majors and minors. Larger, top-tier universities offer this program, but because they have more classes to choose from, the ability to plan an academic curriculum is easier. Consider it an honored challenge to make your four years at Muhlenberg the way you want them.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic:

Global Warming

What is the best way to deal with global warming?
Is it really a threat, or are we just paranoid?
Do we regulate it, or let it regulate us?

Those interested in contributing, contact Dave at dsobotki@hal

Bush's First Plan of Action:

The Elimination of Funding to International Women's Organizations

Erin McMenamin
Weekly Columnist

Every day 400,000 babies are born. That's three people added to the world's population every second. The population currently stands at 6.1 billion people, and grew by 80 million just last year. Almost all of this rapid population growth is occurring in the world's poorest countries. It's not so outrageous to say that the world's population is quickly getting out of hand. So what does any of this have to do with George W. Bush?

Last October, Congress put aside $425 million for family planning organizations worldwide. There was one catch: the money could not be used until February 15, after the newly elected president would take office. As many of you may have heard, on January 22, Bush (via his press secretary) announced that he would block this so-called "financial aid" to international family planning organizations that offered abortions or abortion counseling as part of their services. This block is known as the "Global Gag Rule."

Not only that, but the gag rule that Bush is imposing also restricts the discussion of abortion as an option.

Bush has said that he will reinstate the Global Gag Rule because he doesn't want to support "organizations that promote abortion." He wants to "ban the use of taxpayer money to promote abortions in foreign countries." However, there is something fundamentally wrong with these statements. Many of these foreign family planning organizations use their own, or other non-U.S. funds to provide abortions, not U.S. "taxpayer money" as Bush claims. Not only that, but the gag rule that Bush is imposing also restricts the discussion of abortion as an option. George is apparently minimizing the importance of family planning organizations, making them out to be a type of abortion industry. This couldn't be farther from the truth. Yes, many family planning organizations do offer abortions and abortion counseling. But is Bush taking into consideration the other vital functions they serve to an estimated 300 million women in need of family planning services OTHER than abortion?

There are an estimated 75 million unwanted pregnancies worldwide each year (out of a total of 130 million pregnancies). An estimated 45 million of these unwanted pregnancies end in abortion. Family planning organizations are not increasing these numbers, nor are they happy with them. The goal of family planning organizations is to reduce the number of abortions by helping women avoid

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Letter to The Editor

To The Editor:

What do you get when you mix Muhlenberg's Greek life and an interactive presentation on date rape? The answer: A bunch of defensive students who fear the word "rapist" more than any other title, several letter-wearing women who believe "she deserved it," and one very angry and very scared spectator. The results of Katie Koestner's presentation of Thursday's "He said-She said" left me questioning the thought processes of all Muhlenberg students.

Following Katie's rape account, Brett Sokolow took the stage, and asked the audience to vote on whether a man, "Todd," should be convicted of rape. While answering questions like, "How does a woman who is incapacitated brush her teeth," Sokolow played devil's advocate. After a half hour of this question and answer session, things not only got personal, but also out of hand. After a blonde sitting behind me yelled, "She deserved it!" my own blood began to boil. This comment was followed by another sorority sister's confession that she had woken up several times after a night of drinking to say, "Sh-t!" but believes women "can't use that (a claim of rape) to make up for regrets."

What made matters worse was the loud clapping and prehistoric grunts that followed Sokolow's challenge of female students in their defense of the "raped" woman. With each comment that argued Todd's innocence, many fraternity brothers emitted personal anger towards the woman who claimed "rape."

The final comment of the night came from the only male who raised his hand during the presentation. He stated that Todd should have let the woman walk home by herself, questioning, "Why didn't he let her pass out in a bush and get raped by a garbage man?" This comment could mean that a fraternity brother is better than a stinky, dirty, sanitation worker. Sexual discrimination as well as prejudice for lower social classes-how interesting.

I wonder: should we blame the men

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The Marconi Experiment, Part 2

Dan Russo

On the air again: Broadcasting and beatdowns

My radio show, the Marconi Experiment, was riding waves into the unknown for the first time in months. I was happy. I talked and played music long after midnight had tuned out. I craved feedback. Eventually, the phone rang.

"So you're into Marconi, huh?"

"Yeah, I think he was a cool guy."

"He was original."

"Definitely. Very innovative."

"I heard you use the word 'chillin.'" That's not original, is it?"

"No, I guess not. A lot of people use it."

"You said it was an American word. It's not American. It's African American."

"Yeah, well, I just wanted to make the point that when I was in England people didn't use the expression as much."

"Blacks are taking over music; they dominate sports...they can have any white women they want, and now they even control the language. Things are getting all turned around now. You think that's right? You shouldn't be using that word."

"I think maybe you're being a bit too extreme. People determine their own..."

"...Listen, you remember the OJ Simpson trial? After the verdict, who was cheering for him, and who wasn't? Think about it. You want to be original, don't you?..." I waited for him to finish and hung up.

Sometimes feedback gives you indigestion. Self-loathing began to rumble in my stomach. The caller's ignorance annoyed me. What tore at me more, however, was how I responded. You'd think after almost four years of higher education I'd be able to deal with a paranoid racist, but afterwards I sat in the studio, unsatisfied. I could've debated, stabbed holes in his logic until he was intellectually bleeding. I could've insulted. I could've slammed the phone down. I could've done anything to show him I disagreed. Instead, I remained docile, dancing around his feelings and mine. Alone behind the microphone, I recalled other times in my life when I had avoided confrontation out of fear. Polite society and liberal arts training reinforce this fear. They teach you to be nice and tolerant. You eventually discover that many people aren't either one. Conflict is necessary, and you've got to learn how to choose your battles. Sometimes you can see fights coming. Sometimes they sneak up on you like a fist in a dark alley. If you keep avoiding necessary battles, your potential will become dead air and you'll get a headache from the static of regrets. My statements seem cliché because they're basic knowledge which most people already have, but few apply. It's hard to stand up for yourself and your beliefs. The people we call "original" have the wisdom to choose their fights well, and the courage to follow them through.

I lost a fight, but I wasn't content with my weakness. I played a long set of soul music and dedicated it to my caller. I lacked the guts to be direct, but I figured passive aggression was the next best thing. I spent the rest of the night chillin' and wondering if I'd ever be original.

Goodbye, Mr. President

Evan Jaffee

Weekly Columnist

There has never been a President quite like him. He has forever changed the way people view the office of the President. Yet, despite whatever personal beliefs you may have about Bill Clinton, the fact remains that under his leadership, many incredible things took place. For the first time in a long time, there was peace in the Middle East. In 1993, the first Peace Treaty between Israel and Palestine was signed at the White House. The agreement gave Palestine self-rule of their land for the first time. Many believe that without Bill Clinton's guidance, a peace accord would not have been reached. In 1998, the Wye Accords were signed. These accords called for Israeli troops to withdrawl from parts of the West Bank. Once again, without Bill Clinton these accords would not have taken place.

Clinton was also extremely influential new gun-control legislation passed. The most notable piece of legislation was the Brady Bill in 1993. This law requires a five-day waiting period before a gun-sale can be completed in order for a background check to be done. For the last seven or so years, the United States economy has been very strong. In 1998, there was a budget surplus, the first in thirty years. Without Bill Clinton's brilliant leadership, I find it extremely hard to believe that the economy would have reached the level that it did.

Despite his personal flaws, Bill Clinton expertly led the United States through a brilliant time in American history that will in all likelihood never be repeated.

He said - they cheered

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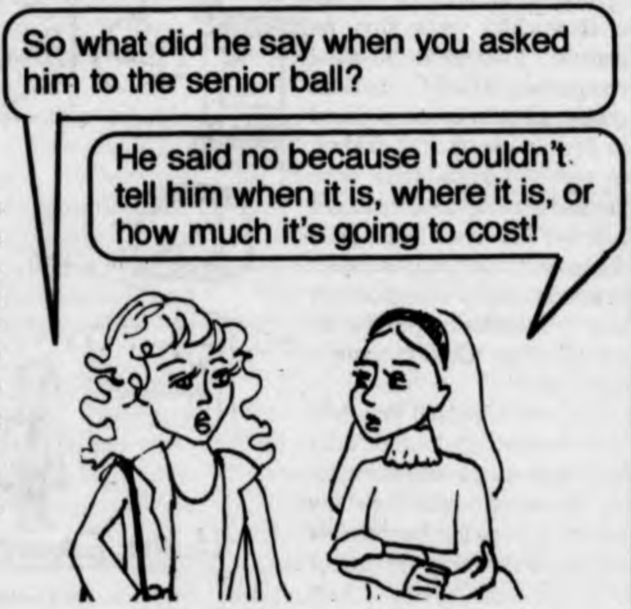
for their defensive behavior? Or, did the fear-inducing presentation itself warrant men to take defense? In the end, Sokolow closed the debate by stating, "I'm not trying to scare you." However, after that Thursday night, I have never been so scared.

- Melissa Alger, '03


So what did he say when you asked him to the senior ball?
He said no because I couldn't tell him when it is, where it is, or how much it's going to cost!

Aborting the funds

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unwanted pregnancies in the first place-before pregnancy occurs. This prevention can only be accomplished by educating women about pregnancy and making contraception more accessible and affordable for even the poorest women. Family planning is a proven way to cut down on the number of abortions because it helps women avoid accidental or unwanted pregnancies. By cutting off funding for organizations that offer abortions, President Bush is inadvertently contributing to an increase in unwanted pregnancies and abortions in the near future. When Bush cuts off U.S. funding because of abortion, he also cuts off funding for contraception. Reducing the availability of contraception will only lead to more unwanted pregnancies and abortions. Furthermore, where will funding for other services come from? Services like prevention, screening and treatment for STDs, HIV and AIDS, as well as gynecological and obstetric services will lose funding. Bush thinks that he is taking a shot at abortion, but millions of women and men will suffer from the loss of these other services.

The U.N. reports that more than 585,000 women die each year because of unwanted pregnancies (whether because of botched abortions or complications during birth). Family planning organizations would much rather prevent unwanted pregnancies and continue to provide other vital services than see an increased number of abortions. Now that Bush has pulled U.S. funding, the number of unwanted pregnancies is likely to rise along with the demand for abortions, subsequently the number of women who die of inadequate medical care and counseling every year. And remember, he's only getting warmed up . . .

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Weekly Discourse: Bush's Education Plan:

For the children, or the pulpit?

Jeff Baird

News Editor

I will say right here and now that I do not believe an examination – standardized or otherwise – is an apt instrument for evaluating a student. In taking the SAT (my last standardized test), my scores improved 150 points in a year – I would have been pretty ticked off if I were judged by my first score.

I will also say, however, that President Bush's initiative to measure the success and failure of public schools is about as close as we can come to a scientific and uniform set of standards by which to measure the effectiveness of teaching and the use of federal dollars. He has proposed testing students in grades 3 through 8 and reporting the results to the institutions that provide money to schools.

The students are not responsible for low test scores. The school is...

Taken in the aggregate, standardized test scores will speak, in a general sense, to the overall progress a school makes with its students. This is an important distinction: the students are not responsible for a poor test score. The school is responsible for an abundance of low test scores. I have heard a number of Muhlenberg scholars remark snidely that President Bush wants to evaluate students based on test scores. This is absolutely wrong. He wants to evaluate schools on their collective test scores.

If, in the aggregate, students at a school perform poorly year after stagnant year, then local, state and federal governments will have the power to put a stop to that school by removing funds, to pull ineffective teachers out of the classroom, and to give parents leverage in deciding where their children go to school. Bush shied away from the word "vouchers," a concept that suffered defeats in Michigan and California this election season. His most recent proposal is not one that rests on vouchers – in fact, it tries not to use them.

His proposal is about as generous to both liberal and conservative values as any I have heard. It empowers parents in poor districts by giving them the option of school choice formerly reserved for upper-middle-class families. It allows parents to choose the cultural and religious setting from which they want their children to benefit from (Relax, relax you ACLU people: the Supreme Court has not changed its positions on the use of federal dollars in religious education.) It gives state and local governments and parents the most power in determining how money should be spent. It also gives schools and teachers the first say in developing and implementing a plan for corrective action.

The reverberating point in President Bush's ideas is accountability – something that has been lacking in schools, as well as in other areas in society for quite some time. Unfortunately, in a day where 20 percent of adults read below the fifth grade level and 70 percent of those in need of literacy development are also those without jobs (Humboldt Literacy Project), the talk recently has been about closing the digital divide. And they're absolutely right: the President's proposals will not work primarily toward closing the "Digital Divide." But computers be damned; we ought to work on closing the literary divide first.

Dr. George Bonekemper

Weekly Columnist

In his first major policy proposal, President George Bush announced key elements of an education plan that would lead the federal government to play a greater role in the nation's schools. Funding from the federal government would be a different matter and the present level of support (about seven percent) would likely continue. Let's grade the elements of the President's Plan.

Accountability - **A** - Schools would be held accountable for the academic achievement of students with financial rewards for success and sanctions for failure. Schools need to provide "report cards" on items including state assessment scores, attendance, class size, facilities, participation in AP courses, post-secondary education plans, and similar topics. A level playing field regarding resources is a key to accountability.

Grants - **D** - Combining several existing programs into block grants and providing more local control of federal dollars sound promising, but this is a dangerous proposal. Grants for after-school remedial programs could go to "faith-based" groups. The constitutionality of such an approach is debatable.

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Literacy - **A** - The support for early reading programs including pre-schoolers is admirable. The continuation of the prior administration's goal to ensure reading success for all children by the end of grade three is commendable. A result could be the establishment of additional all-day kindergarten programs. Muhlenberg's "Leaders for Readers" program, which provides professional development for Allentown School District teachers (K-3), has been recognized at both the state and national levels.

Testing - **C** - Under the plan, states must test students in reading and math annually in grades 3 through 8. The strong emphasis on these two subjects has led to a neglect of instruction in areas such as social studies, science, and the arts. For example, an effective teaching tool such as the use of thematic or interdisciplinary units has become more difficult in the "test-dominated" culture.

Vouchers - **F** - The use of federal money for transfers to private, including religious, schools, is a retreat from the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. The U.S. Constitution, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..." and the Pennsylvania Constitution, clearly rule out vouchers. In addition, voters overwhelmingly rejected initiatives to create voucher programs in California and Michigan in the last election, as well as in Oregon (1990), and Colorado (1992). In the 2000 legislative session, over 30 states, including Pennsylvania, introduced - but failed to pass - legislation to create voucher programs. Obviously the public does not want to use public funds to support private schools.

Report Card Grade - **C**. However, without faith-based remediation and vouchers, the President's plan would certainly deserve an A.

Dr. Jeffrey Rudski

Weekly Columnist

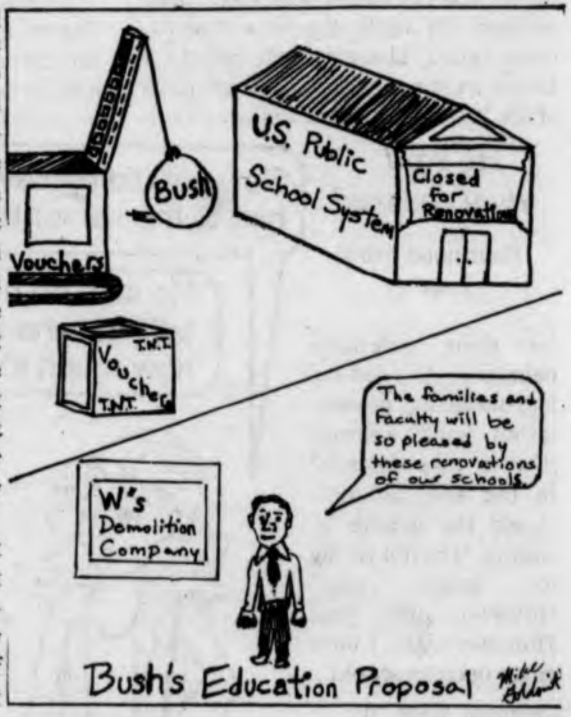
It is refreshing to see a Republican president place an emphasis on education, and his commitment to national literacy and personal empowerment appear genuine. Unfortunately, key points of his plan are substantially flawed.

Every student deserves the best education possible, and should expect maximal effort (and ability) on behalf of their schools. Bush stresses this in his plan. However, his method of assessing educational efficacy is wholly unsubstantiated. According to his plan, each state will make up tests that match the curriculum in place by their respective Department of Education. Schools that have a high percentage of students who do poorly on these tests are to be classified as "failing" and will be given short-term financial aid. Should scores not improve (Bush's plan calls for scores to improve in one year) these "failing" schools will be shut down and replaced with other options.

What's wrong with this form of accountability? For one, the state-tests given to students are not designed to assess how well they are being taught. A test score gives you a snapshot of student performance at a given time. It fails to take into account any progress a student might be making over the year. One thing about scores on tests are clear: Performance is closely related to affluence – schools in poor neighborhoods tend to have students scoring poorly on standardized tests. As of yet, there has been no reputable attempt to equate scores based on these factors, yet schools are to be labeled as "failing" and teachers and administrators punished if scores remain low.

Bush's school – replacement strategy is also based on shaky empirical and constitutional foundations. First, he would like to use federal money to create 'vouchers.' A second option involves the creation of charter schools. Charter schools are run by 'for-profit' companies that receive a large percentage of the state money for each student who would otherwise attend public school. The private-school option is clearly unconstitutional for institutions affiliated with a religious institution. The charter-school option is more intriguing. Competition has long been a progressive impetus in American culture, and charter schools would definitely spur competition in education. However, for Bush to advance such schools as the answer to a problem before their efficacy has been evaluated in irresponsible. As of this point, some charter schools are seemingly succeeding at providing superior education, but others are clearly failing. This pattern of performance is no different from public education. Moreover, children in charter schools aren't necessarily representative of children in public schools. One thing charter school-attending children have is at least one guardian who feels strongly about scholastic achievement. Admission to charter schools is often based upon a lottery, but to be considered a child must first be entered. I would like to see a comparison of (valid) scholastic achievement between children in charter schools and children in public schools who were entered into the lottery but not selected. This would help equate the issue of familial involvement in education and be a good first step in considering whether or not charter schools actually teach better.

In sum, I applaud President Bush for putting education front and center on the national agenda. However, I can't shake my sneaking suspicion that much of his plan is driven by the current simple-minded Republican ideology that public = socialistic = bad, and private = competition = good. He wants school accountability but has not proposed any valid way of measuring it. Moreover, he seems quite willing to scrap a two-century old American institution for a replacement plan that has yet to be properly evaluated.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The families and Faculty will be so pleased by these renovations of our schools.
Bush's Education Proposal

College receives grant for learning disabled students

Evan Jaffee
Weekly Staff Writer

The College announced last month that it had received a $500,000 Congressional "earmark" appropriation from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services.

The College was notified of the decision by the office of Senator Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), Chair of the Health, Human Services, Education and Labor subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. Fellow Senator Rick Santorum was also influential in getting the appropriation passed.

The appropriation will be used to ensure that its students with disabilities, upon graduation, will be given competitive jobs or admission into graduate school. Specifically the money will be utilized for the support of a summer institute, faculty and professional development and the training in the use of educational technology.

The College Academic Support Services is very involved in this project, and has been dedicated to improving the quality of education that students with disabilities receive. Wendy Cole, Director of Academic Support, believes that the assisting process starts with the College's professors. They are asked to be understanding and act in according with the physical/mental limitations of the individual student.

In a letter published by the Academic Support Services, a student can receive the benefits of Academic Support Services by having disabilities covered under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Under Section 504, a disability is defined as "any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities."

It should come as no surprise that the college was the recipient of such an appropriation.

Ninety-seven percent of students with disabilities graduate from the College. Nationally, the rate is somewhere between 37 and 50 percent. Eleven percent of all students in post-secondary schools have disabilities.

Problems on network for Mac owners

But a more complicated problem lies beneath, OIT says

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Network Manager for the college, is aware that some students are discontented about not being able to use their Macs on the school network.

He stresses that people have to recognize the need to benefit the majority of the Muhlenberg community.

As it stands, Macs are not nearly the greatest in number on the campus. Therefore to provide the same level of service to the Macs as are given to PC's, the owners and users of PC's would suffer, while only a small group (the Mac users) would benefit.

> *"There is little, if anything, that Mac-based workstations can do that PC's cannot."*
>
> Bob Mahar
> Network Manager

Mahar claims that if Macs offered more advantages over PC's, it might make more sense to try to connect Macs to the system. But, he says, "there is little, if anything that Macs based workstations can do that PC's cannot."

He also explains that much of the computer programs, such as Word and Excel, which students constantly use for classes, are PC based. Another issue is that of file compatibility. For the most part, Macs are capable of interchanging files with their PC counterparts, but there have been times when problems have occurred during this process.

For many students, their main problem with not being able to have their Mac set up to the network is the fact that they can not have access to the internet.

For Freshman Tyler Holmberg, this was his main concern with having a Mac on campus, but although he says dialing out for internet access is a little inconvenient, it is really not that big of a deal.

In the meantime, a scheduled network upgrade, which is currently in its planning stage, is expected to provide more capabilities to Mac users. This upgrade project, which should be completed by the fall of 2001 the latest, will provide more support for Macs.

Although at this time, Mahar suggests that it is best for those wanting to get Internet access from their Macs to purchase a modem and subscribe to an Internet Service Provider. ISP's are often free, if not very low priced.

OIT recognizes the concerns that Mac users have, and these complaints are not being ignored.

While the school is presently unable to accommodate these individuals' needs, Mahar stresses that bodies are working hard to amend this problem.

"We are taking these matters into serious consideration as we plan future generations of network technology," Mahar said.

Students can choose curriculum, and replace requirements, with 'inquiry'

A plug for prospectives and for freshmen

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plines."

Instead of following the normal graduation requirements and declaring a major, students who follow the SDIP instead propose a "cluster of courses" related to one "experience," Shiner-Wilson said. She said that may include study abroad and an internship as well as classes on campus.

The SDIP allows students who have a sense of "creativity and imagination" to use those skills to design a curriculum, Shiner-Wilson said.

"When you look at other schools, where you really see differences is not majors," DiQuinzio said. "Where you really see the difference is in the graduation requirements."

She said that the College's requirements are "kind of prescripted" and that you have to be "fairly proactive" to follow the SDIP.

Marie Ingrisano, a sophomore, said that last year she was not challenged by her classes and spoke to her advisor, Dr. James Bloom, who is an advisor to the SDIP and who suggested she pursue that path.

"It seemed like the kind of thing I wanted to do because I have a lot of interdisciplinary interests and gelling them together wouldn't be possible within the regular curriculum," she said.

She worked on finalizing her proposal for over a year and was approved by a faculty board last month.

Ingrisano is looking to "study the relationship between theater and literature, presenting things in a historical context."

She said a focus of hers would be the "gap between history and fiction" in literature and theater, as in *Gone with the Wind.*

For the last two semesters, she has taken classes that interested her and that she felt would fit in with the program. That curriculum includes writing and history courses as well as courses in performance.

"It's really a nice blend of history, theater and literature and it's really very interdisciplinary," she said.

DiQuinzio said the College considered models at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. and New York University before implementing the program. "We also looked at our own curriculum," she said.

The program was designed so prospective students considering the College could apply to the SDIP at the same time as they applied for admission.

"We set it up so that people could come in knowing they would do the program," DiQuinzio said. "If you're interested in coming to Muhlenberg and our curriculum looks a little rigid to you, then you have this other option."

But nobody has done that yet. The five students who are now in the program started after they got here.

There are five professors who serve as advisors to the SDIP: two are from the English department (Bloom and Dr. Alec Marsh), one teaches in political science (Dr. Pat McRae), and only one professor from the physical or natural sciences sits on the board, Dr. Donald Shive, of chemistry.

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>
> Marie Ingrisano,
> Sophomore

DiQuinzio said that she is "looking for more balance" in the disciplines represented on the faculty advisory board, but some professors who were originally on the board have left the College.

DiQuinzio said that the program has a mix of career-driven students and those who are guided by curiosity rather than career goals.

"I'd rather not look at it as some sort of stepping stone to a career," Ingrisano said. "I don't know what I want to do, but I would like to be able to watch theater and read books and analyze them in a more sophisticated way."

It may lead to graduate school, journalism, theater performance, direction or anything else that comes up, she said.

Whether the program will have a long-term benefit that differs from a more traditional curriculum is yet to be seen.

It was not created to produce a different kind of student or to offer a different kind of degree.

The program's primary goal is to satisfy the needs of students whose goals are not focused in any discipline and who are willing to create their own degree.

"In terms of your development as a thinker," DiQuinzio said, "I think in the long run, one of the benefits may be you don't become a stagnant middle-aged person who hasn't had a new idea in years."

OFF CAMPUS

Harvard University -- Maria S. Ho, a student at Harvard University, became ill during her 9:15 a.m. exam last week, and was transported to the University Health Services building, where she was stripped of her belongings, barred from using a telephone, and forced to take the two exams she had missed, all without the benefit of a phone call to inform her parents or roommates that she had been detained. Ho said it was almost as bad as jail, but without her one phone call.

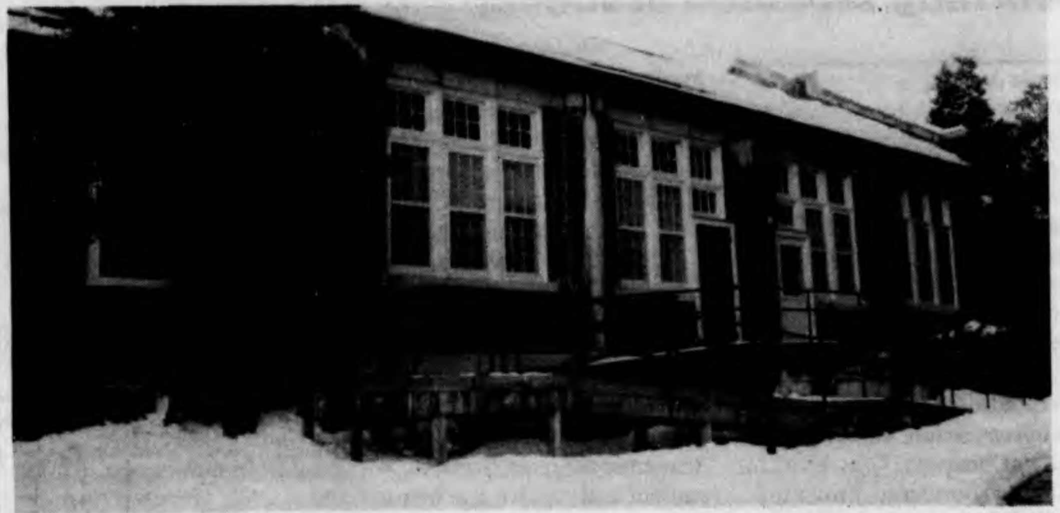
West Virginia University -- Six packages strewn about the University's campus created a scare this month when the packages were suspected of containing bombs. An explosive ordinance technician, the state police and state fire marshall's explosives office all arrived and descended on the packages, one of which had a note that read: "Do you really want to open this?" on the front. When they opened the packages under controlled circumstances, they found a spiral notebook, a small Bible and other religious material.

Allentown -- A 20-year-old man was shot in the back at Seventh and Turner in Allentown on Sunday, police said. The man was taken to the hospital and was treated Sunday. Police say they are optimistic about his recovery. Melinda Fiduroa, a resident of the neighborhood, said she heard gunshots, hit the floor and called the police. She said she hears gunshots in her neighborhood "almost every day."

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scattered Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 47	High: 41	High: 43
Low: 31	Low: 25	Low: 29

Commons to house Communication



The Commons building will house the Communication department, the TV studio and WMUH.

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tify "strains" of facilities that would match the relocation.

Currently, the Communication department is in a space that was renovated ten years ago, when the department was "much smaller, much younger and had far fewer needs," Dretsch said.

The Commons building will provide "larger and more generous" spaces the Department of Communication.

At the same time, Dretsch said, art studio space is "seriously short."

As a result, Media Services, a subsidiary of the Office of Information Technology, will move from the Baker Center for the Arts to the basement of Ettinger, where OIT is located.

"It just starts to make sense," Dretsch said, adding that the plans evolved over a period of months.

The exact date as to when renovations will begin has not yet been set, but plant operations director Mike Brewer hopes to get the project rolling soon.

> *"Right now we have a problem with people breaking in and stealing CD's."*
>
> Stephanie Clarke
> Station Manager, WMUH

"We are going through designs and planning now and hopefully the project will be put out to bid fairly soon," said Brewer.

The renovations to the Commons building are being performed due to a growing community and a lack of space for the plethora of activities that Muhlenberg provides.

Once the radio and television stations make their transitions to the commons building, their former offices will be utilized for other campus functions.

"Seegers Union is being remodeled so everything will be changed there" commented Brewer. "The television and communications programs are in the basement of Ettinger, and once they move, media services will move in."

Although WMUH enjoys its spot on the bottom level of Seegers Union, the radio station is excited about the transition. With the move, WMUH will be able to upgrade its technology and security.

"Once we move we will be able to get new equipment," said Stephanie Clarke, station manager of WMUH.

"We will also be able to have more security. Right now we have a problem with people breaking in and stealing CD's. Being in Seegers, it's hard to monitor who comes in and out," she said.

Even though it is hard to maintain security, there are some benefits to being located in Seegers.

"It's nice to be in Seegers because everyone knows we are here. Once we move we'll have to promote ourselves more," said Clarke.

Final plans for the building have not been finalized because the cost and construction objectives need to be discussed with a contractor.

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

Fed may raise rates, calming investor fears of recession

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 69.54 points last Friday but finished up 0.7% for the week, while the technology heavy NASDAQ closed the week up 27.02 to a close at 2781.30. Technology heavy stocks did very well last week due to positive earning by Qualcomm and Art technology.

Qualcomm is a developer of wireless communications technology. Its stock rose $7.06 to $81 after the company reported better than expected positive earnings. Art Technology, a software maker, rose $9.50 on Friday to close at $34.50. Experts believed that the Dow's losses for the week would have been greater had it not been for IBM, Microsoft, and Intel. IBM was up $3.44, Microsoft gained 2.19 and Intel rose $2.19.

The NASDAQ rose 57.04 points, or 2%, 2,838.34, bringing its 2001 gain to 14%. The S&P 500, rose 9.22 to 1,364.17. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 42.21 to 10702.19 and is down 0.7% on the year. Monday's rise in the markets was triggered due to investors hoping that after a two day meeting which began Tuesday that the Fed will decide to cut interest rates for the second time in less than a month.

Wall Street's primary dealers believe the Fed will slash rates by half a percentage point, which would bring short-term rates to their lowest level in 13 months. The Fed typically moves rates in smaller, quarter-point increments. The Fed cuts interest rates in order to give the economy a lift.

Due to our weakening economy, many companies have had to cut costs; this has caused many Americans to lose their jobs. In recent weeks U.S. companies such as Xerox, WorldCom, Hewlett-Packard, Boeing, Lucent, Sara Lee and AOL Time Warner have been forced to make tens of thousands of job cuts through layoffs. On Monday, Daimler Chrysler joined this list by announcing that they would be forced to lay off 26,000 workers. Company executives said that the cutbacks were due to the high costs of launching new vehicles and the highly competitive U.S. market. 133,713 jobs have already been cut last month throughout the country.

These layoffs are somewhat of a double edged sword for investors who will be happy to see labor costs fall, but these cuts may cause consumers to spend even less; this will slow the economy down even further.

California's public officials have come to an agreement on a plan to solve the state's energy crisis. The plan would involve the state becoming a major player in the electricity business. California would establish a public power authority that would build or acquire its own power plant and transmission system.

The state also plans to issue bonds in order to help the state's two largest utilities companies PG&E and Edison repay the billions the two owe to generators in past due bills. However the utilities companies don't like the plan because it would require them to give up part of their companies in exchange for help. The state would be allowed to purchase a certain number of the companies shares at a very low price.

COLLEGE PROFILE

DAVIDSON COLLEGE; DAVIDSON, N.C.

As Muhlenberg ponders exam change, Davidson's is defined by an honor code

BY JEFF BAIRD NEWS EDITOR

College officials have expressed a tentative interest in revising the final exam schedule to be more efficient in its allocation of time and resources. Students at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C. and at other colleges and universities (including some in Pennsylvania) schedule their own exams and adhere closely to an honor code that requires them to turn in anyone they find cheating.

Davidson's exam period lasts about six days, with either ten or eleven time slots in which students can schedule exams. Students start the process by purchasing exam envelopes from the bookstore which the registrar's office later uses to keep track of completed exams.

Professors begin by providing the registrar with copies of the exam, which are later arranged so students can find their exams.

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>
> Mike Anderson
> Junior, Davidson College

At the beginning of each exam period (they have two per day, at 8:15 and at 1:40), the registrar's office, aided by student volunteers, distributes exams to students by completing two cards—one to stay in the office and one for the student to keep. The cards are later exchanged as a receipt both for the student and for the College.

"If there's ever a question, if an exam gets lost, then we can go back to those cards to see that in fact a student did turn an exam in," Kristina Brantley, Assistant Registrar, said.

Professors are given the option of an open-book and a closed-book exam. Because everyone taking an exam does so in one building, the registrar's office is able to divide exam rooms such that some allow books and others do not.

"I think the self-scheduled exam piece is really good," Dr. Patrice DiQuinzio, a professor of philosophy here, said. "But it's administratively tricky."

Indeed it is. Brantley said that Davidson hires someone—generally a faculty spouse—to oversee and administer the exam. The registrar's office and the outside administrator spend about 80 hours arranging the exam during the last week of the semester.

The process also requires student volunteers to help arrange exams and distribute them at every exam period.

"We do get very good participation from students," Brantley said.

If this seems like scheduling bliss from a student's point of view, it is. But Davidson and Muhlenberg Colleges differ in one key aspect: how they deal with academic honesty.

Davidson has an honor code, which places students at their honor not to plagiarize or cheat and to approach another student who does so.

"Simply stated, it says every student shall be honor bound to refrain from cheating and to report all violations," Brantley said. "That's what works for our exam center. They are bound to report all violations of the honor system if they observe them. And we do get them during every exam session."

She said that most instances that are reported deal with open and closed book exams and are misunderstandings.

But if a student is caught cheating on purpose, it's another story. "Any student found guilty of a violation is ordinarily dismissed from the College," she said. "So it's serious."

Students at Davidson agree. Junior Aaron Houch, Co-Editor in Chief of The Davidsonian, said that "it's something that everyone is entirely behind. It's a vital part of this campus."

The bounds of the honor code extend beyond the classroom, Houch said. Students report lost money and rarely lock their doors.

"I don't know of anybody that locks their door on campus," Mike Anderson, also a junior and a member of the academic honor board, said. The honor code is "the lifeblood of this campus."

"The way it survives is that it's indocrinated in not only every student but in every applicant," Anderson said, adding that the honor code is the first and last thing tour guides mention to prospective students.

Here, the College issues the Academic Behavior Code which is a set of expectations and guidelines for dealing with plagiarism and cheating.

The process here is "educative," according to Carol Shiner-Wilson, Dean of Academic Life. While they take plagiarism seriously, College officials here say that there is often middle ground that cannot be handled by an absolutist honor code.

Both Shiner-Wilson and Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch stressed that they do not see a fundamental change in either our exam schedule or our Academic Behavior Code in the near future.

The Muhlenberg Weekly will explore in an article next week the implications of an honor code and the culture change that educators say is necessary to change the honesty system at the College.

College may consider a change in exam schedule

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But nobody seems to be making a significant push for reform at this point—indeed both deans told The Muhlenberg Weekly that their comments were speculative in nature, as nobody has studied the issue in depth.

"We're still contemplating whether or not we want to contemplate the exam schedule," Dretsch said. He did strongly challenge the assumption of a comprehensive exam as he recognized the increased importance of group projects and writing assignments that test the skills, rather than knowledge, learned in a course.

Dretsch said that one possibility is to vary the length and frequency of exams each day: for example, some days may have three two-hour exams and others may have two three-hour exams.

He did hint, though, that his primary goal may not be to shorten the number of days in the exam period, but perhaps to add an extra day of study or instruction instead of letting students go home earlier.

He said that the semester includes a week of final exams at the end, no matter how it's divided up, implicitly tackling the head-for-the-hills mentality that some students have come finals week.

"The notion that the semester is over after 14 weeks is a problematic one," he said, adding that the semester is 14 weeks of instruction plus a week for examinations.

"I don't see the advisability of a fundamental change," he said.

Whatever the maneuver, it will prove to be tricky. Now, the final exams are scheduled according to the time of day the class meets during the week in order to avoid conflicts.

But if the College were to schedule exams such that the exam period correlates with the kind of class, it would have to find a new way to insure against conflicts.

"All of this is a faculty decision that would have to be proposed by the Academic Policy Committee and approved by the College faculty," Shiner-Wilson said.

"I'm not advocating anything radical," Dretsch commented. "I just think we can use that exam period more efficiently."

Council again reverses position on MCTV

Student Council again reversed itself with regard to MCTV cameras broadcasting its meetings. At its meeting Thursday, Council voted down two amendments to limit the time frame in which the cameras would be allowed.

The entire issue may be academic because, as one freshman representative pointed out, it is unclear whether or not Council would have the power to remove the cameras if MCTV wanted to broadcast the meeting even without Council's permission.

The cameras likely will be allowed to show everything except "executive sessions," where anyone except voting members must leave anyway. They will not show members voting because it's confusing for viewers and may single out one member and his or her votes, Steve Dimirsky, representative of the senior class said.

Proposal to change Council structure

Steve Dimirsky and Josh Brookstein will propose to Student Council tonight a plan for restructuring student representation. They will suggest that the campus be divided into constituencies, allowing each Council member to "be responsible for a specific part of campus," Dimirsky said Tuesday. Council may act on the issue at its meeting tonight.

Correction

Because of an editing error, a front-page article last week incorrectly referred in one of several instances to the cause of the Birthright Israel cancellation. It was not called off by the College, but each individual made the decision not to go at the College's persuasion. Independent of Birthright Israel, the College's policy doesn't allow study abroad in a country where there is a U.S. State Department travel warning.

Squirrels and perches sustain area bird population in four seasons

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sighting, which occurred during an Egner Chapel funeral service for a director of Hawk Mountain. An American kestrel, a small falcon not common on campus, swooped down over the crowd from his perch on top of the Chapel before flying off.

Other noticeable birds of prey, which will occasionally migrate over the campus during the fall and spring, include turkey vultures, osprey, bald eagles and peregrine falcons. After dark, great horned owls may be spotted or heard on campus.

An even better chance to see this owl is at nearby Trexler Park, at Chew St. and Cedar Crest Blvd., where they have nested for years and have been sighted this winter.

Not as visually obvious as the larger birds of prey, but audibly more so, are European Starlings. These common birds are the reason that the tree between the Ettinger and Haas buildings seems to shriek at certain times.

A great population of starlings roosts in the tree, and their noises reverberate between the buildings. Because these birds mimic, their calls do not always even resemble bird song. While bird action generally goes through a mid-winter lull, many other birds are year-round campus inhabitants.

Cardinals, black-capped chickadees, tufted titmice, mouse sparrows, mockingbirds and red-bellied woodpeckers can be seen even now. The Canadian geese that fly overhead daily, coming back and forth between feeding and resting at our small area lakes, are resident family units.

As spring creeps on in, so will the charismatic scarlet tanager (a small bright red birds with black wings), which may start resting from migration on the campus branches as early as March.

Mourning doves, with their owl-like call, will start nesting just weeks later. Barn swallows will be flying around mid-April.

Though hawks seem to dominate the scene because of their size and presence, they are not alone.

They share the College and the surrounding area with over 40 different species of birds at different times and seasons. What these other birds lack in size and fierceness, they make up for in noise, color and habit.

Campus Safety Notes

A car's window was smashed by a pellet gun in a rash of vandalism Saturday. PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Jan. 22—Lost Property—An I.D. and Simplex card were lost.

Jan. 23—Vandalism—The window in the northwest stairwell of Prosser was vandalized.

Jan. 23—Harassment by Communication—An individual was harassed by phone and e-mail; the harasser was known to the victim.

Jan. 23—Theft—A gold ring was stolen from Hillside.

Jan. 24—Noise Complaint—An individual was sent to the Dean's office for violating noise codes.

Jan. 24—Harassment by Communication—A student received a harassing letter.

Jan. 24—Vandalism—The glass on a fire extinguisher's cabinet was broken in Walz.

Jan. 24—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off a fire alarm at 407-409 N. 23rd St.

Jan. 25—Code Violation—An individual was repeatedly asked not to park in the College circle and in handicap-spots but refused to comply. That person was sent to the Dean.

Jan. 25—Hit and Run—A Benfer vehicle was damaged in a hit and run incident.

Jan. 25—Code Violation—A freshman who received a parking ticket complained to campus safety and as a result received another citation for having a car on campus.

Jan. 27—Vandalism—The second and third floors of Prosser Hall were strewn with garbage both in the hallways and in the bathrooms.

Jan. 27—Fire Alarm—Grills set off the smoke alarms at Hillside.

Jan. 27—Vandalism to Vehicles—Ten cars were vandalized with a pellet gun along Chew St., 26th St., and Gordon St. The city of Allentown reported somewhere between 20 and 30 cars with similar damage in other parts of the city.

Jan. 28—Sick Visitor—Christopher Radomski, a freshman and a resident of Prosser Hall, purchased alcohol with a false I.D., consumed it, provided it to a visitor who is a minor, and was charged with all the previous offenses. Five additional students, all freshmen, were referred to the Dean of Students. The minor, who was a visitor, "will be receiving a citation for underage alcohol consumption," Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety, said.

Jan. 28—Alcohol Violation—A student consumed alcohol in the Seegers parking lot and was sent to the Dean of Students.

Jan. 28—Code Violations—Six freshmen whose cars were affected by the pellet gunman reported the damage to Campus Safety and subsequently received citations for having cars on campus.

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"Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards."

-Soren Kirkegaard

Students learn the harsh realities of rape

BY ANGELA KESSLER AND MELINDA MATTHEWS
Weekly Staff Writers

Last Thursday, January 25th, in the Moyer Forum date-rape preventionist Katie Koestner shared her college rape experience. Sexual assault policy and law specialist Brett A. Sokolow shared in Koestner's soft-spoken presentation. Mr. Sokolow followed Ms. Koestner's speech with an interactive audience-jury activity.

Koestner's experience has become widely known through her HBO movie, her national talks with the youth of America, and her appearance on Time Magazine's cover in 1991. While Koestner relayed that the HBO movie, "No Visible Bruises: the Katie Koestner Story" isn't completely accurate, it was one way to send her message to audiences everywhere. Koestner has reached every sect of the media with her message. She appeared on shows such as Entertainment Tonight, the Oprah Winfrey Show, Larry King Live, and many more. Koestner interviewed with big time papers such as the New York Times, the Los Angeles Tribune, and the Philadelphia Inquirer. She has given much of her time trying to get her message across.

Koestner petitioned Congress to pass federal sexual assault legislation, attended a press conference that would end up successfully pushing the Victim's Bill of Rights into effect as federal law, spoke at over fifteen national conferences trying to publicize and address this serious issue. For a long time sexual assault, date rape, gang rape, or just

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McHoul and Rosen rock the Red Door

BY MELISSA CARRELLI
Weekly Staff Writer

This past Saturday night, Doug McHoul and Brad Rosen rocked the Red Door with their rich and sweet-sounding vocals and powerful guitar playing. Opening with the familiar tune of "Speak to Me/ Breathe in the Air" by Pink Floyd and smoothly blending into Welcome to the "Hotel California" by the Eagles, excitedly prepared the audience for a little over an hour of cover songs and original songs composed by the two sophomore musicians. The play list also included familiar tunes by The Beatles, The Doors, Bob Marley, and U2, among others. After asking how the songs were chosen, Doug responded, "The songs

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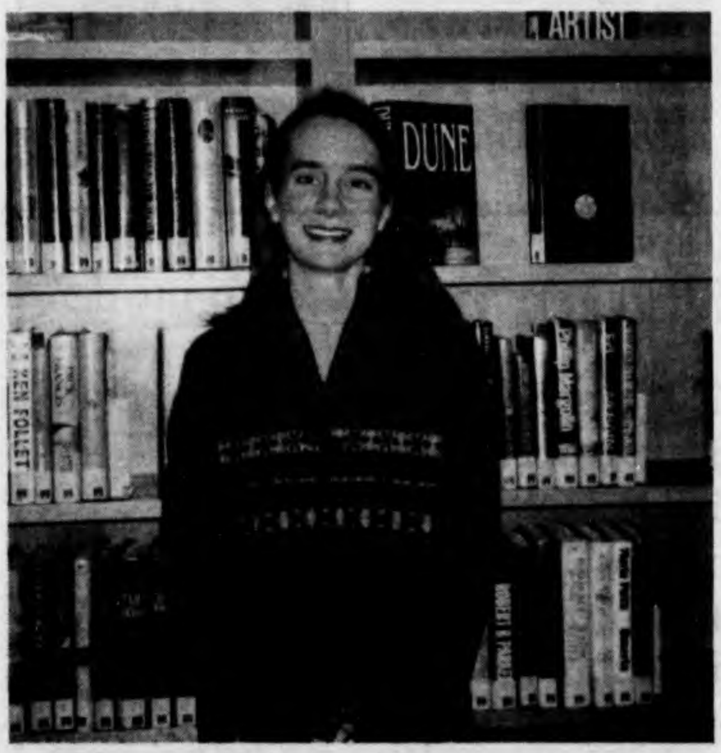
Reading the pages of Lindenmuth's life



Off-Duty with Trexler Library's Circulation/AV Assistant

BY CHRISTINE MOYER
Weekly Staff Writer

Trexler Library provides the students and faculty here at Muhlenberg with a nearly limitless supply of services and materials. Within this building filled with thousands of bound pages, the ultimate depths of knowledge as well as the most current, thought-provoking ideas are at our fingertips. However, one very rarely questions how it all got here. Have you ever wondered about how the books get onto the shelves, or how the films you need for class are made available? If these questions have ever crossed your mind, the answer that you have been searching for is Carla Lindenmuth.

Lindenmuth patiently describes the various aspects of her position as Circulation and AV Assistant at the library. She explains that she helps run the circulation desk with Barb Howard as well as supervises the work of the 26 students who can be found helping out at the circulation desk and reshelving the books.

Lindenmuth also explains that the responsibilities of the AV component of her job are to make the schedule for the library video classroom, as well as to put videos on reserve and to loan out videos to schools in the Lehigh Valley Area.

Lindenmuth's work at the library seems as if it would be extremely time consuming and hectic. However, she looks at it in quite a contrary

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Question of the Week: *What were your favorite Superbowl commercials?*

"The 'Green Bay Watch' commercial for Diet Dr. Pepper was really funny."
Bill Lees, '03

"I liked the one when the two guys are trying to get something out of a tree with a stick but you don't find out what it is until a red car falls to the ground out of the tree."
Tracey Cetel, '02

"The 'What are you doing?' Budweiser commercial."
Jeff Slotterback, '04

"I liked 'The running of the squirrels,' it reminded me of Muhlenberg's campus."
Betsy Thompson, '03

This weekend, exchange "The Gift"

life! review

BY KELLY NIELSEN
Weekly Staff Writer

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Sam Raimi's "The Gift" was a return to his past films, the Evil Dead Series, after he directed Kevin Costner in "For the Love of the Game." "The Gift,"which is the clairvoyant power of widow Annie Wilson (Cate Blanchett), is used to support her three sons astonishingly well. However, the movie leaves something more to be desired. Through the twists and turns of the plot, it is more obvious to the viewer who the real killer is than it is to the psychic or the town's police.

The film is set in Brixton, Georgia, a rural town that is quite conservative. Annie, the town's psychic, witnesses a murder with the aid of her "gift." The church people of the town suspect her of doing the devil's work, but when she is brought in to aid the police in finding out the whereabouts of Jessica King (Katie Holmes), the town's mattress who has disappeared, the town will fall apart.

In the subplot, several of Annie's clients are introduced. Their insecurities lead them to seek her guidance. Valerie Barksdale (Hilary Swank), a battered and lost soul, is married to Donnie Barksdale (Keanu Reeves). Once Donnie discovers that Valerie is visiting the ostracized psychic he threatens the two women. Keanu Reeves pulls off the role of the battering adulterer quite well. Another client of Annie's is Buddy Cole, played by Giovanni Ribisi. Annie befriends him and does everything in her power to keep the suicidal young man, who despises his father for abuse done in the past, from ending his life and the life of another.

Another twist in the plor comes in the form of Jessica's fiance, Wayne Collins played by Greg Kinnear. As the an elemetary school principal, he is completely unaware of Jessica's infidelities. He was simple and kind, well liked by her father and Annie.

Though the cast of this movie was spectacular, the screenplay written by Billy Bob Thorton and Tom Epperson was too predictable. "The Gift," released on January 19th, should really go back into the shop and get a tune up.

The face behind the stacks

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way. When speaking of her job, Lindenmuth enthusiastically exclaims, "I like working with the other staff members. There is a nice work environment here and I love to read. But that is not why I chose this job. I just really enjoy it!"

Lindenmuth's has only been working at Muhlenberg for two years. More specifically, she has not always occupied a position in a library. Graduating from Moravian College in 1997 with an English degree, Lindenmuth initially took a job in publishing. However, as time progressed she and her husband Jim decided to leave Allentown (which had been her home since birth) and move to California. They lived in Walnut Creek, California, which is in the San Francisco Bay Area, for two years. While residing on the West Coast Lindenmuth worked in the Contra Costa County Library as a Library Assistant. Her time spent in this new occupation rekindled fond memories of her summer internship during college, when she worked at the Parkland Community Library. After two years in California, Lindenmuth and her husband returned to Allentown where she decided to continue her passion for library work at Muhlenberg.

When she's not feverishly working at the library, Lindenmuth and her husband Jim enjoy spending time with their two "crazy" Siberian huskies, Syd and Bear. "We enjoy walking them," explains Lindenmuth, "especially through the snow!" Lindenmuth and her husband also like to relax by playing foosball and scrabble.

Being a librarian, Lindenmuth explains that she sees many great books cross the desk at the library but she doesn't have nearly as much time to read as she would like. When she does get a free moment she enjoys sitting down with a short story by her favorite author, Dorothy Parker. Another one of her passions is nature. Lindenmuth frequently hikes at Hawk Mountain, and professes a love for the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado.

Whether she is filling her days with work at the library, reading books, walking her dogs, enjoying time with her husband or reflecting upon nature's beauty Carla Lindenmuth is an asset to the Trexler Library and her work does not go unnoticed.

Creative Corner

by Ronnie Sims

**what is this
feeling in the
stomach
the tingling
sensation in the
fingers
the thought of
only one
constantly
the confusion
the anticipation
of return; to what
you gave
this is spoken
without meaning
however when
felt and said
with meaning
can overcome
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Koestner and Sokolow share stories and advice

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rape in general has been overlooked as Koestner found out during her freshman year at William and Mary.

Though this horrific incident happened just a decade ago she encountered great speculation in trying to justify the incident with the college.

Three days after her date rape Koestner reported the incident and met with the Dean of William and Mary who encouraged her to ignore the incident. This Dean told her that it would be "nice for her [Katie] and Peter [her attacker] to get back together in the following semester. While this enraged Koestner, it was only the beginning of years of harassment and rebuttals to her story. Some may find it shocking that people could deal with such a delicate issue in a crude manner, but rape was not a publicized issue at this time. Though Koestner was brushed aside by her Dean, her friends and verbally abused by her college population, she continued to speak out. Students would even throw food at her when she went to a deli, and they would toss nasty remarks at her. Despite these incidents she stayed at the College of William and Mary and graduated Phi Beta Kappa.

To Koestner's surprise, her sexual assaulter was a trusted boyfriend and not a stranger waiting in the bushes by an alley. While giving her talk, Koestner reminded the audience that many reported rape cases the victim knew the assailant. As a naive freshman, Koestner thought she could trust her boyfriend of a mere ten days, but she found otherwise when she was one-on-one in her dorm room. She said that her boyfriend had been pushy with her all night about various issues, even sex, to test her limits. This is a technique some men use to manipulate women the way Koestner said her boyfriend Brett convinced her. Peter continued to coax her and push her limits until he raped her the next morning while she was overtired, and convinced he was back to himself with his incessant apologies. Unfortunately, Koestner didn't know enough to look to for the signs that could have helped her prevent this assault. Alone with her confusion and frustration she finally turned to her father because Koestner felt her roommate wouldn't believe her story. She shouldn't have been trapped with her thoughts, but who could she have told at her college if no one was open with the subject? Her own Dean denied her story and tried to patch things up with Koestner's relationship. Justifiably, her boyfriend was found guilty in a civil trial. Through her many interviews, speeches, and co-authored books, Koestner relives the most painful night of her life in order to save the potential emotional and physical scars that rape brings. She deserves and gains the respect of audiences with her message that the men need to protect the potential four as she calls it. By the four she means that men should think that a women raped could be a mother, a sister, a girlfriend, or future wife. Men need to look out for women and women need to watch the signs and as she said it best, "How long does it take before you trust someone?"

Virgin Vinyl

by Stephanie Clarke

The Weekly and WMUH team up to bring you the best in cutting edge music. This week's pick:

Drums & Tuba:
Vinyl Killer
Righteous Babe Records
Release date: Jan. 9
Check out if you like:
Medeski Martin and Wood, 5ive Style, Trans Am

Think back to when you were fifteen, shoved into a bright, stuffy uniform and obsessed with your spit valve. Drums & Tuba are what you imagined it would be like if the marching band suddenly got cool and you started playing jam gigs at the club downtown instead of at moronic football games. Despite the sum of its name, Drums & Tuba actually incorporates three distinctive sounds from the likes of Tony Nozero on drums, Brian Wolff on tuba, and Neal McKeeby on guitar. They started on the streets of Austin, Texas in 1994 and worked their way up to coffee houses and rocks clubs, lending support to scores of experimental bands like Trams Am and June of 44. They eventually spent two tours with Ani DiFranco, who produces their latest album, "Vinyl Killer", alongside producer Andrew (Goat Boy) Gilchrist. Mixing and matching an eclectic blend of sounds, Drums & Tuba offer more than experimental oompah. The result is a range of sound that stretches far past the sum of the band's three parts. Stylistically, you can never tell what's coming next; the mix hints on everything from fusion, funk, and avante-garde to sci-fi electronic and complex rhythm sequences. It's experimental rock, with a tuba.

Many say that Drums & Tuba are best appreciated live, where they apply on-stage sampling techniques to layer their sound. They spend the next few months touring with the SnoCore 2001 Icicle Ball. When asked about the response to their unique project, Brian says, "the kind of person whom I expect to tell us `what the hell are you guys doing up there and whose dumb idea was it anyway' will tell us, `that was nothing like I expected but I really dug your sound.' And that's the kind of thing that makes me realize we're on to something—when someone who is completely not into experimental music of any kind enjoys what we do simply because it's good music, not because it's impressive or complicated, but just because it sounds good" (artistdirect.com).

Give your ears a peek at Drums & Tuba on Virgin Vinyl, this Sunday night 10pm to midnight on WMUH 91.7, Muhlenberg's student-presented new music showcase.

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

Confirmation

Christians who were baptized as infants are given an opportunity to confess their faith publicly. This act of confession before the assembled congregation is called "confirmation" since it is an affirmation at the faith into which they were baptized.

McHoul and Rosen in concert

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we chose are ones that we find influential, and the combin ation of songs is diverse and different."

The boys also threw in a couple of tunes of their own. Their personalities shined through while they were singing. McHoul has a very full, and rich sounding voice while Rosen has a soft and sweet voice. In two completely different ways both musicians sang emotionally with all of their hearts, and harmonized soulfully.

They alternated singing their own skillful compositions, which the audience very much appreciated. The collaboration of McHoul's outgoing and dominating personality with Rosen's laid-back and easy-going nature created a comedic performance and a dynamic interaction with the audience. Upon introducing songs, McHoul would often confuse the crowd in a joking-manner by saying they were going to play tunes by L.L. Cool J or Limp Bizkit, while the audience replied with a hesitant burst of laughter. After completing a song, Rosen would flow into playful antics while McHoul attempted to play along with him.

This back and forth routine along with a talented musical performance kept the audience interested and energetic. The duo played wonderfully and even came back to play another tune after receiving a standing ovation. Toward the end of the concert McHoul reminded everyone to watch out for the Donson Project, a mystery band who has posted flyers around campus. After their performance many people had a lot to say about their performance.

Eric Trajtenberg '03 said, "It was a good representation of the young talent coming from Muhlenberg," Kristin Gaudio'03 was also impressed. "It was a dynamic performance by the talented guitarists."

life! movie listings

February 2-4

Lehigh Valley General Cinema

Head Over Heels
Fri.and Sat.—12:50pm, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:10, 12:00;
Sun.—12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:10
Valentine
Fri.and Sat.—12:10, 2:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00;
Sun.—12:10, 2:30, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
The Wedding Planner
Fri.and Sat.—12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55, 12:00;
Sun.—12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:40, 9:55
The Pledge
Fri.and Sat.—10:20; Sun.—9:10
Snatch
Fri.and Sat.—12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00;
Sun.—12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
Save the Last Dance
Fri.and Sat.—12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50, 12:00;
Sun.—12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
Double Take
Fri.and Sat.—1:00, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05;
Sun.—1:00, 3:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05
13 Days
Fri.and Sat.—1:00, 4:10, 7:10; Sun.—12:30, 3:30, 6:20
Cast Away
Fri.and Sat.—1:20, 4:20, 7:25, 10:30; Sun.—12:40, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20

AMC Tilghman 8

Head Over Heels
Fri.-5:00pm, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-2:00, 5:00, 8:15
Valentine
Fri.-4:20, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 10:00;
Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 7:50
The Wedding Planner
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20;
Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 8:15
Cast Away
Fri.-4:00, 7:10, 10:15; Sat.-12:45, 4:00, 7;10, 10:15;
Sun.-12:45, 4:00, 8:10
Save the Last Dance
Fri.-4:40, 7:30, 10:10, Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10;
Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:00
Finding Forrester
Fri.-4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.-1:00, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20;
Sun.-1:00, 4:10, 8:10
The Pledge
Fri.-4:10, 7:15, 10:00;Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:10;
Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:00
Sugar and Spice
Fri.-4:30, 7:40, 9:50; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 9:50;
Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 7:45

Brian Cash and Maria Fineberg danced the night away at the well-attended semi-formal for the class of 2004 this past Friday.

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RED DOOR

horoscopes

by Christine Moyer

Aries 3/21 · 4/19

Lately everything that could possibly go wrong has gone wrong. Now you are beginning to lose hope in a brighter tomorrow as well as losing your optimistic attitude. But don't worry, this weekend will act as a new beginning to what has seemed like a downward spiral!

Taurus 4/20 · 5/20

You have been wondering whether or not you will ever find that perfect someone. But don't worry yourself with this question. Has your mother ever told you that the right person always comes along when you are not looking for them? Well, these words of wisdom are true. So this week, just relax and enjoy yourself.

Gemini 5/21 · 6/21

You have been feeling very easily agitated lately. However, you are unsure of the cause of this dilemma because you are under very little stress, and there are no major problems in your life at this time. A consistent lack of sleep is most likely the reason for your constant mood swings.

Cancer 6/22 · 7/22

You are a very romantic person but your special someone does not seem to share this quality. Rather than becoming agitated over this, try to give your special someone a few creative ideas about how he or she can show his or her affection.

Leo 7/23 · 8/22

A great deal of responsiblity will soon be falling upon your shoulders. This will feel like quite an overbearing task, and you will want to relinquish yourself from this burden. Don't do it! Face the challenge head-on.

Virgo 8/23 · 9/22

As the schoolwork piles up, you feel as if you can no longer maintain that new year's resolution that you once had. Don't give up! When you feel tempted to skip that daily work out session or other activity remember that you will never achieve anything in life unless you put your mind to it.

Libra 9/23 · 10/22

It is time that you make some serious decisions concerning your post-college future. You have been known to procrastinate, but you should not begin a new phase of your life in this manner. Try to organize yourself by searching for summer jobs or internships that interest you.

Scorpio 10/23 · 11/21

A good friend of yours is having a rough time and needs someone to just listen. However, your constantly busy schedule has intimidated this friend form approaching you. Instead of always raving about how busy you are this week, try making some time when you and your friend can just hang out in a quiet place for a while.

Sagittarius 11/22 · 12/21

You may find that you have been spending too much time hanging out with your friends and relaxing when you should be doing your work and studying. So try to balance your life a little better. Don't give up the things that you love, but make attempts to include your schoolwork in your schedule.

Capricorn 12/22 · 1/19

You have been feeling really down lately and you are not sure why. Try taking advantage of the sunny afternoons and evenings and take a walk or do something that you enjoy. Take a little break from your work, and you'll be amazed with the results!

Aquarius 1/20 · 2/18

Life has become quite mundane for you. Try to spice it up by doing something that you wouldn't normally do. Also, if you have a fairly regimental schedule, try mixing up your days.

Pisces 2/29 · 3/20

You have been jealous of your friend lately and it is driving you crazy! You need to realize that jealousy is a trap. It causes you to become angry. Instead of being jealous, think of something positive.

Record-setting track team pushes harder for ECACs

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ous records we took as well as the many races that came right down to the wire," expressed Gallagher. When asked about his individual performance he said, "I think my race was a really good effort and I know I can run faster. I think I stand a very good chance to qualify for the ECAC championship."

The Mules will not compete against any Division III schools this season. "By doing this, we put people in situations where they have to run fast because of the competition. The better we do in meets like this past one, the better we do in the championship," said Hackett.

None of the meets that the team runs in are scored as team meets. Everything focuses on the individual performances. The more team members that qualify for the championships, the better seed Muhlenberg has in the championship. "Everything we do is geared towards that one weekend," said Hackett.

While the team does need very good individual performances, the team cannot act totally as individuals. The more they come together as a team, the better they can do as individuals. When asked how he felt the team was coming together as group, Hackett said "better than expected, considering we have more than 60 people on the roster and over 30 of them are freshmen. One would have expected it would take longer for the team to gel than it has considering the significant number of freshmen."

The Mules run on Friday at Moravian College in the Greyhound Field Challenge.

Wrestling shares CC dual meet title

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

The Muhlenberg wrestling team can be assured that they will own at least a share of the Centennial Conference dual meet title. Western Maryland's victory over Ursinus gave the Mules a share of the title, and the Mules can win the title outright with a victory at Ursinus on February 1. Muhlenberg, Western Maryland, and Ursinus are the three teams fighting it out for the top spot. The Mules sit at the top of the conference with a 4-0 mark while both Western Maryland and Ursinus have one Centennial Conference loss.

In the past, Ursinus has been a tough opponent for the Mules. The only other time these teams have wrestled against each other this season was at the Petrofes Invitational in early December, where Ursinus came in third and the Mules ended up in tenth place. Last season, Ursinus defeated the Mules 40-10. Ursinus is currently third in the Centennial Conference and comes into the match with a 15-4 overall season record for the season. A win against Ursinus would make the Mules Centennial Conference dual meet champions. If the Mules lose, they will have to share the dual meet title.

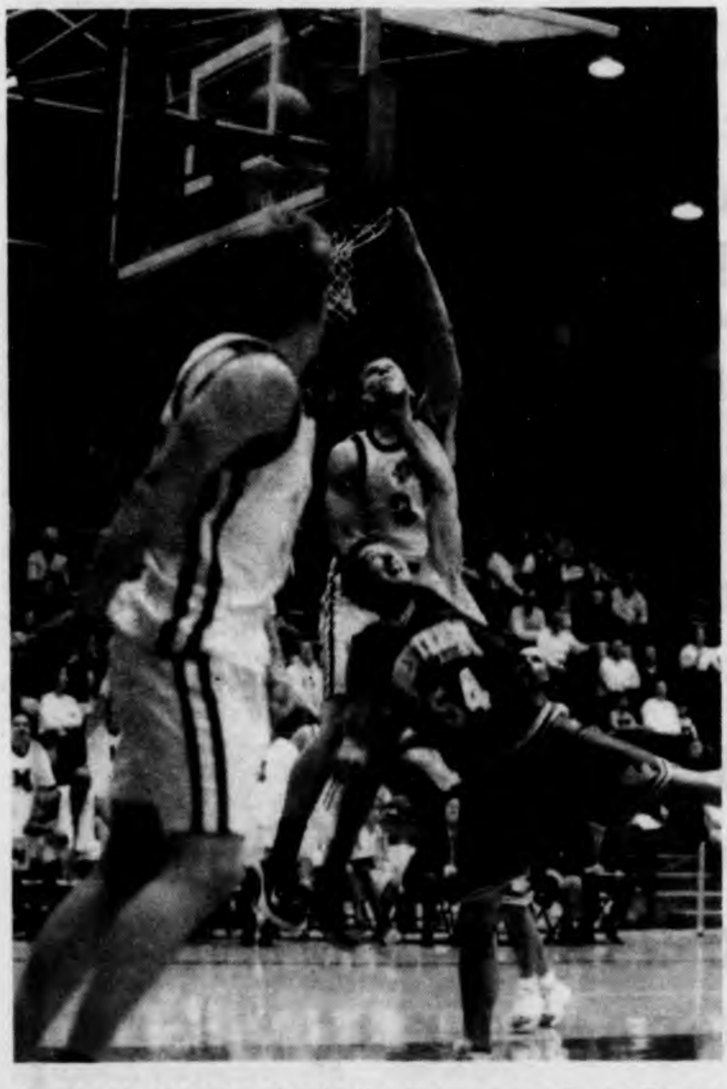
Last week, The Mules' 11-match winning streak came to an end against the 18 ranked team in Division III wrestling, King's College. The Monarchs only lost two weight classes en route to overwhelming the Mules 41-7. It was the team's first loss since a 26-18 setback to Bridgewater State in early January. With the victory, the Monarchs improved their record to 12-2-1 while the Mules fell to 13-3.

Even with such a lopsided score, there still were some bright spots for Muhlenberg. Senior Jason McLean (141) was one of only two Mules to win a bout. McLean defeated Jim Morgan 5-4 in an overtime rideout. Morgan had entered the match with a 19-2 record, but McLean gave him his third loss of the season.

Junior Bill Holsinger, now the eighth ranked wrestler in the 149-weight class in the Division III Wrestling Coaches Poll, won his 16 straight match against King's. Holsinger pinned Bob Voytek of the Monarchs in 1:42 and tied two school records in the process, for most wins in a season (28) and the most pins in his career (31) by a Muhlenberg wrestler.

Through the Lens:
Men's Basketball

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ



Junior Mark Lesko shoots the lay-up over Green Terror forward Mark Furey en route to a 21-point game and Mules victory last Saturday.

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Not able to make a session?
Information packets available in the OCDP.

Club Focus: *Ice Hockey*

Team hopes impressive performance will score them varsity status

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

Here's a little known fact about this school: we have an ice-hockey team. It's not yet a varsity sport, but this club team is certainly making tracks, in the ice that is.

The ten to fifteen people that show up on average for each game have quite a bit of experience playing hockey. Most of them have played since childhood, many throughout high school.

You might be wondering, "I didn't know we had a ice hockey rink here on campus." Well, we don't. The club plays at the Lehigh Valley Ice Arena, about two miles past the Lehigh Valley Mall. Most members drive on their own, carpool, or go with the van.

There is a five-school league that competes together: Muhlenberg, Moravian, Lehigh University, Northampton Community College, and the Penn State Lehigh campus. Each team plays a total of nine games and then the playoffs.

The team doesn't have sufficient funds to practice. The school pays the $225 an hour cost for the games. So how do they remain in tip top shape? Peter Bredlau, assistant coach/ faculty advisor to the team, encourages the guys to practice during the free-skate times at the rink. Other than that, it's just the usual: eating healthy, running, and lifting weights.

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>
> -- Peter Bredlau, Assistant Coach

Junior Ryan Knepp said, "The guys are out to play and are having a lot of fun, but there is definitely a lot of competition. We definitely want to win, but the lack of practice time really hurts us when the other teams get to practice a lot more."

The only funding the team receives from the school is for the ice time and the entrance fee into the league. All of the members have their own hockey equipment. Thanks to a very generous donation by a parent, the Mules now have matching jerseys and socks. They are counting on some good fundraising and generous donations for some extra practice time this year.

The team has a pretty good mix of upper and lower classmen on the team, with a lot of really strong freshmen. "It really bodes well for the future because we have such strong freshmen," Bredlau stated.

Freshman goalie Jared Lander stated, "We're trying real hard this year. We want to make it a varsity team. We would like to repeat the success of winning the championship again. We're looking forward to the increased support from fans. We have a good, strong team and we look like we are going to keep getting better."

The team would like to follow the success of the Club Lacrosse team and make it to the varsity level. "We're definitely looking forward to more support from the administration to make this club team a varsity sport," said Lander.

Volunteer coach Dale Knepp, father of team member Knepp expressed, "We have a strong incoming freshman class with good leadership by the upperclassmen. We have no real outstanding stars, but we have a strong balance of skilled players that work really well together."

The club has a 5-3 record after destroying Moravian again. The first time the score was 18-1, this time it was 10-2. Coach Knepp said, "Last year we were the first official league champions."

Bredlau said, "I give the guys a lot of credit. We don't get practices. We don't have many fans. But I really give them a lot of credit. They come out each week and play hard. I'm really proud of them for their commitment. Hopefully we will keep winning. We won the league last year and hopefully we'll win again this year!"

The last game before the playoffs is this Saturday at 8 p.m. There is a fan bus leaving Seegers Union at 7 .

The Results are in!!

Superbowl Ads have been rated!

5 Most popular ads

1) Budweiser - Dream Date

2)Budweiser - Preppies "How are you doing?"

3)Pepsi- Bob Dole Viagra spoof

4)Budweiser - Alien Dog says "WASSUP!"

5)Volkswagon- Car falls out of tree

*Results taken from random student phone poll.

4 Least popular ads

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2) Schwab - princess

3) E*Trade - monkey and horse

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Profile of a Mule

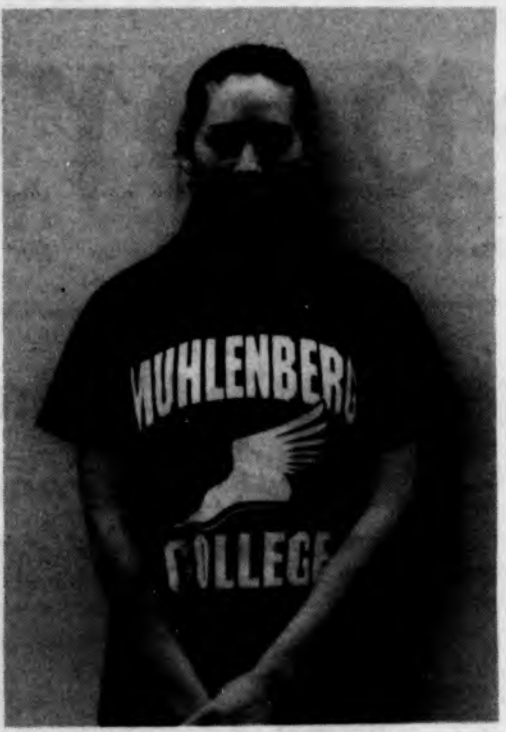
Yordy looks ahead to three more years of breaking records

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Freshman Trisha Yordy has great potential to bring talent to Muhlenberg's track team throughout her four years here. Having broken her own school record, this athlete has given the team a hint of what she has in store for the future.

Yordy said that practice for the team begins in the middle of October. The combined competition of the outdoor and indoor track meets commenced in January and will run through the month of May. This demanding schedule has been one of the biggest challenges that Yordy has faced with at Muhlenberg.

In order to be a successful member of the team, each individual must commit themselves to a tedious conditioning schedule. Yordy talked about her current commitment and how it truly has been beneficial to her overall performance. "We practice from about 2 to 3 hours a day, 5 days a week. There is also mandatory lifting three times a week, which helps us stay in shape."



Yordy believes that this dedication has definitely paid off, as demonstrated in her recent achievements. In the Kutztown Invitational, she set the record for the 55-meter at 8.03 seconds. While at the Bison Open, hosted by Bucknell University, she again broke the record for the 55-meter, this time at 7.82 seconds. Future goals for her include "breaking the long and triple jump records and to keep improving on them."

In addition to Yordy's training, Coach Brad Hackett and her teammates have made the adjustment from high school to college sports an easier transition. "Coach Hackett is really encouraging to all of us. He told us at the beginning of the season that if things seem tough, it's only to make the team better, and I think he's right. The captains and upperclassmen have also been wonderful. They have been there for all of us, especially the freshmen, and it has always been encouraging to know they are around."

In her free time, Yordy has many interests. In high school she enjoyed tennis and cheerleading, but had to give them up in order to make more of an effort in track. She also loves to go skiing in the winter. Yordy is very grateful to her family, who has been very supportive of her athletic abilities. They have come to every one of her track meets so far this season.

Yordy and the track team will participate in the Moravian Greyhound Field Challenge tomorrow, February 2, 2001. The team is also scheduled be a part of the Centennial Conference Championships in the later part of February which will be held at Haverford.

Women's basketball gears up for tough game against Johns Hopkins

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the Mules.

Against Western Maryland, it was Junior Jenn Risley who led the Mules late in the second half to preserve the 70-66 victory. She hit two three-pointers to bring the Mules from behind late in the game. Although the Mules led by one point at halftime, they struggled offensively in the beginning of the second half, falling behind Western Maryland 52-48 with only six-and-a-half minutes to play. Risley then drained two three's igniting the Mule offense on a 12-2 run.

> *"It was important for us to play well on the road against Elizabethtown, especially right before the big game against Hopkins."*
>
> -- Tammy Smith
> Head Coach

Risley doubled her three-point total for the year hitting all three of her attempts outside the arc and finished the game with 15 points.

Risley believes it was the entire offense that enabled her to score, saying, "Once we were able to run our offense, set screens, and move the ball around, a lot of people got open shots."

Senior P.J. Schwartz also added ten points and a career high four steals in the victory. Senior Jennifer O'Neill, however, had 19 points to lead all scorers in the contest.

The Mules came off their win against Western Maryland only two days later to fall to nationally ranked Elizabethtown. The Blue Jays, who are ranked 18th in Division III, led by only two at the half. They then scored 13 unanswered points at the onset of the second half.

The Mules made a valiant effort as they went on their own eight point scoring drive, but Elizabethtown answered with a 10-2 scoring run, leaving the Mules behind 53-38 with seven minutes left in the game. The team again went on an offensive streak scoring 13 more unanswered points to pull within two points of the Blue Jays.

Risley hit a lay-up with just six seconds remaining in the game to pull the Mules within one point, but the Blue Jays capitalized on two free throws to win the game by the final score of 58-55.

Despite the loss, Muhlenberg's Coach Tammy Smith was pleased with the Mules' effort, saying, "We played an outstanding team, and even though we're upset we didn't pull it out, we still played with a lot of character and intensity."

She added that the team needed to work on its consistency, playing "more continuously instead of playing in spurts of brilliance."

Risley echoed Coach Smith's comments, saying, "We really need to focus on running plays and letting things build from there."

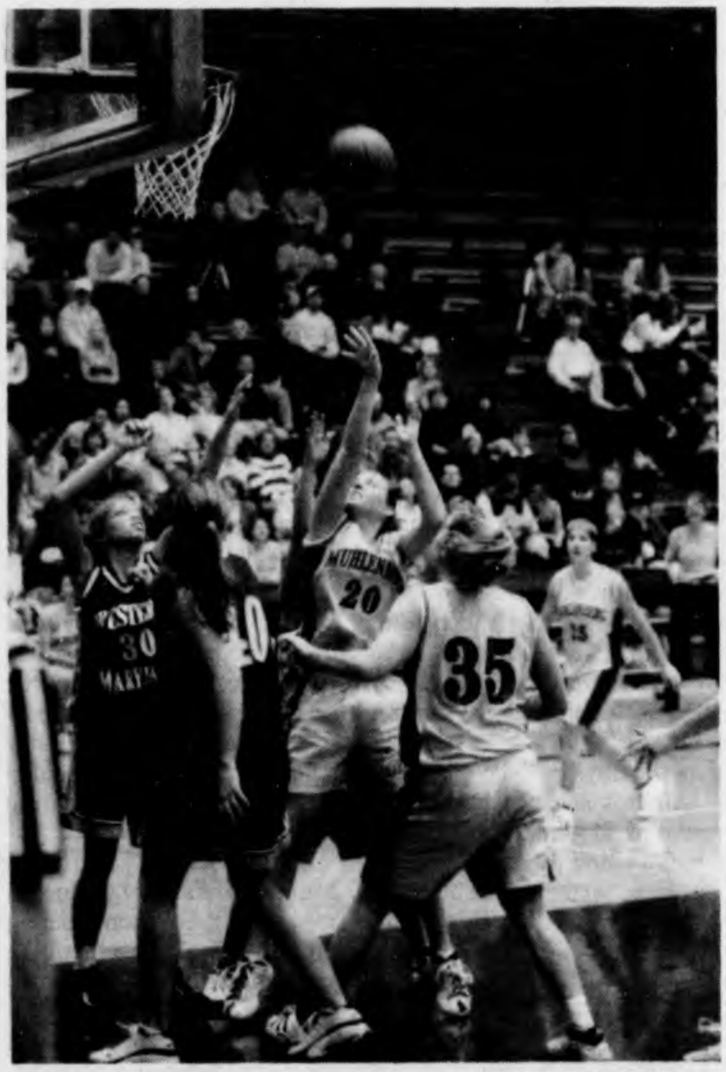
The Mules face a tough schedule in the coming weeks and will look to their strong game against Elizabethtown to hopefully propel them into the postseason.

The Mules face Centennial Conference powerhouse Johns Hopkins on the road on Saturday, and although Muhlenberg has struggled away from home all season, they will look to make a strong showing against the tough Hopkins team.

The last time the Mules faced the Hopkins squad was in last year's Centennial Conference playoffs. They lost 70-43.

Coach Smith says, "It was important for us to play well on the road against Elizabethtown, especially right before the big game against Hopkins."

The Mules do not return home until February 10 against Washington (Md.)



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Senior Jennifer O'Neill (20) puts up the shot amidst much traffic while Jessica Drennan (35) waits anxiously for the rebound.

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Sports

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Men's basketball slams Western Md. and DeSales

Tied for first place in Centennial Conference East

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

After surrendering 172 total points in two straight losses, the men's basketball team had a simple strategy on Saturday as they welcomed Western Maryland to Memorial Hall: play better defense. The Mules followed the advice of Head Coach Dave Madeira and used their defense down the stretch to solidify an 89-75 Centennial Conference victory.

Despite a 12-point Mule lead at the half, the Green Terror stormed back to take a 66-64 lead with only 7:30 remaining in the contest. However, Sophomore Michael Rossmell got the Mules rolling on an 8-0 run, and the defense held strong, not allowing Western Maryland a field goal over the next four minutes of play.

Rossmell capped the offensive surge, scoring 12 points while adding 3 assists and 2 steals, all in the final 12:00 of the game. John Strom connected on 4-of-5 three-point attempts on his way to a career high 18 points, leading the Mules offense that shot an impressive 48% from the field on the day.

Junior Mark Lesko had his second straight double double, leading the team with 21 points and 12 rebounds. Anthony Strachan chipped in with 15 points, while Mike Barletta added 12. In addition to the impressive defense demonstrated by the Mules, they also held the edge in rebounds, 46-31.

The victory moved the Mules into a first place tie in the Centennial Conference Eastern Division.

The Mules traveled to local rival DeSales University on Monday and continued their impressive defensive production, holding the home team to a mere 38% shooting percentage during the game and giving the team a narrow 64-60 non-conference win.

DeSales rallied late in the game, cutting the Mules lead to one with 2:00 minutes to play. The defense held strong, and Michael Rossmell iced the victory with two clutch free throws with :02 left on the clock.

Junior Mark Lesko once again led the Muhlenberg offense, scoring 16 points while pulling down 13 rebounds. The game marked Lesko's third straight double double, as well as his fifteenth straight game in which he has scored in double figures. Junior Mike Barletta sparked the offense down the stretch on his way to a 17-point performance while Toomey Anderson and Aaron Holden combined for 11 points during the contest.

The victory improved Muhlenberg's overall record to 9-9 on the season heading into the final six remaining games, with three of the last five being played on the road. The Mules will need to bring their top defensive performance to the court on Saturday when they pay a visit to conference rival Johns Hopkins.

The Mules will need a victory to at least remain in a tie for first in the East with Ursinus College, the team that they will square off against in the season finale on Feb 17.

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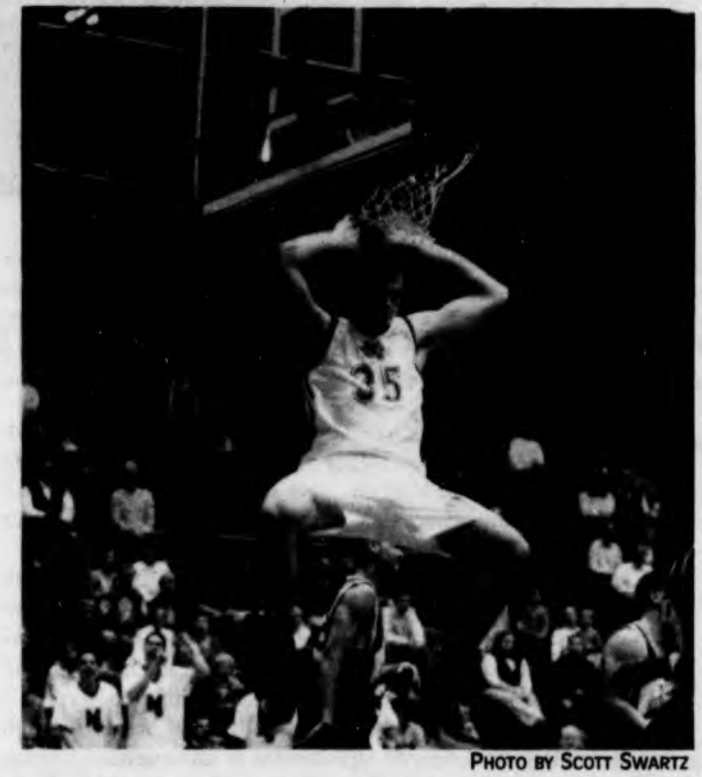

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Junior Mark Lesko comes down from a jam against Western Maryland.

Women stun Western Maryland and look to playoffs

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's basketball team remains two games out of first place in the Centennial Conference East with their win against Western Maryland on January 27. The Mules trail Swarthmore in the East Division, but still hope to make the playoffs.

The top two teams in each division qualify for the postseason, and the Mules remain three games ahead of third place team Ursinus.

Coach Tammy Smith says the playoffs are "still up in the air" and that all the remaining conference games are very important to the postseason opportunities and success for

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Indoor track wins at Bison Open

6 school records broken

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

This past weekend the indoor track team smashed six school records while competing in the Bison Open hosted by Bucknell University.

Running against mainly Division I and Division II teams, including Bucknell, Western Maryland, Dickinson, Haverford, Mt. Saint Mary, and Millersville, the Mules managed three women and seven men in the top ten place finishers.

Brad Hackett, head coach of the team, said, "I felt very good about this meet. In the last year and a half that I have been here, the two best performances I have seen have been at the Indoor and Outdoor Championships. I would put this meet immediately behind those two meets in terms of performance."

For the Women, Trisha Yordy ran the 55 meters with a 7.82, breaking the school record she set last week. Laura Roth ran the 800 meters with a 2:31.09, placing seventh. Katrina Beck placed third in the high jump with a 5-2½. Yordy also placed ninth in the triple jump with 32-½.

For the Men, Josh Cohen placed eighth in the 200 meters by running a 23.90. Cohen also placed seventh in the 400 meters by running a 52.41, breaking the school record he set last week. Will Elson placed first in the 800 meters with a 1:58.62. By running one one-hundredths of a second faster than he did last week he again set the school record. Chris Catalano placed seventh in the same race with a 2:03.47. Robin Holden ran the 3000 meters in 9:49.95, placing seventh. Brendan Gallagher broke the school record he set last year in the 5000 meters by running a 16:00.71. The 4x400 meter relay team placed sixth, also setting a school record with a 3:33.85. Joshua Boyer placed eighth in the triple jump with a 40-10½. Jason App placed fourth in the pole vault with a 13-9, setting the school record and also qualifying for the ECAC championships.

"I think everyone was really enthusiastic, because for a lot of them it was their first meet. Everyone was really excited about the numer-

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Half of new class is filled by early applicants

501 applications received

By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

In previous years, the College has been committed to being a highly selective school, drawing a great deal of interest from prospective students.

The College has again passed expectations and made some new admission records for the incoming class.

These new records at the Office of Admission only cover the Early Decision acceptances, which have been completed. Regular Decision applications will arrive through Feb. 15.

The Office of Admission has completed Early Decision applications within the extensive admissions cycle. As of Feb. 2, the College had received 501 Early Decision applications.

With that number of Early Decision applications, the College had a 28.8 percent

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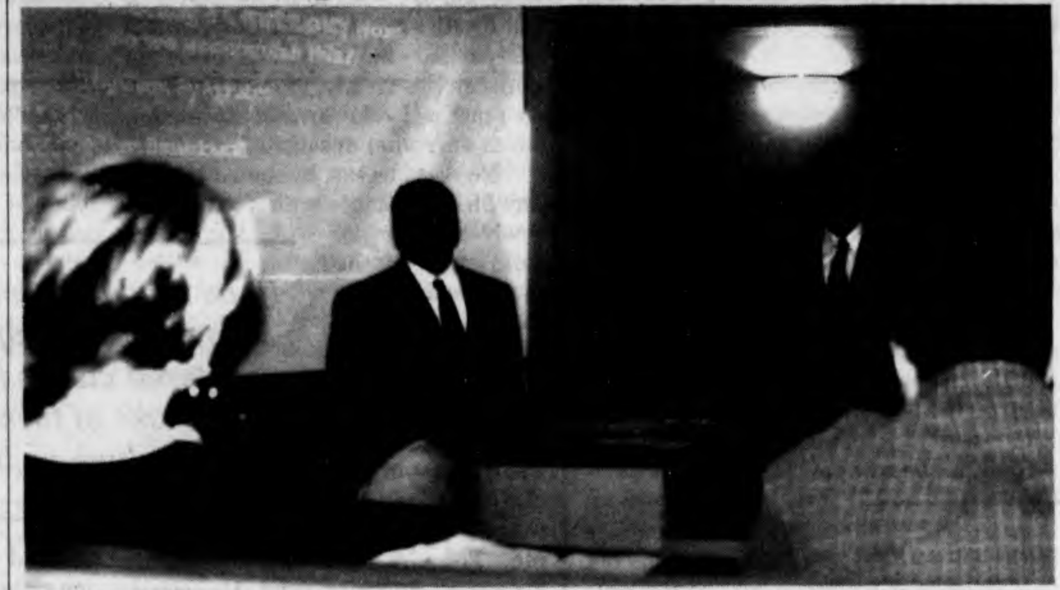
Divisively, Council debates self-reforms



Steve Dimirsky and Josh Brookstein present their proposals to Student Council on Thursday. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Sharp words and strong message

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

After a debate that featured pointed fingers, raised voices, sarcastic sighs of exasperation and a television camera, Student Council effectively quashed a proposal to give the Student Body President a discretionary spending fund to spend on whatever he or she wants.

The proposal was made by Senior Steve Dimirsky and Sophomore Josh Brookstein at the first meeting with a video camera since Council reinstated the MCTV broadcasts two weeks ago. It would have given the Student Body President a fund—they suggested $4,000—to spend on organizations and causes without approval of the general Council.

Dimirsky and Brookstein said the fund would be an extra place that an organization could turn if it had been denied funds by Council or by another department.

It caused an absolute uproar.

But for all the raging debate, Council could not legally have instituted such a change at a regular meeting even if it wanted to. In order for such a change to be made, Council, at a regular meeting like the one Thursday, would vote to put the proposal on the agenda of the next student body meeting, where the campus would question representatives, comment, and everyone present would vote on the amendment. Council voted not to put the issue on the agenda at the next student body meeting.

By voting yes to the motion, Dimirsky said, "we're at least putting this discussion...into the hands of the students" and not implementing anything.

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Council debates with its image in mind

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

It keeps surfacing every now and then in debates, and Council actually tackled the problem directly a few times with some initiatives that never really caught on.

Council's big problem is this: Nobody is interested in Student Council except when asking for money.

The last student body meeting, advertised with a color banner in Parents Plaza, drew only a few latecomers, who sat on the floor in the back of The Red Door. Regular Thursday meetings generally draw only those visitors whose clubs or organizations are asking for money that week. Except for one onlooker, only members of the student media were present to watch last week's high-drama debate about giving the president of the student body a discretionary spending fund.

"To me, Council has developed this complex of me, me, me," Jay Dombi, president of the sophomore class, said last week. He said most of the recent debates had focused on Council's dress code, whether or not to broadcast meetings on MCTV and a name change.

The name-change issue set apart two schools of thought, practically equal in size. Some members want to improve Council's image through publicity, dress codes and a name change (perhaps to "Student Government Association") while others believe that a good image will follow productive actions and that internal reforms are not necessary.

Student Council treasurer Christina Coviello had researched the names of area student governing bodies and discussed the possible name change with Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd earlier in the week.

"I think if we are going to get professional, we should do it in other ways, too," Juliet Kholi, a senior, said. She proposed a dress code and changing "the way we talk to each other."

To change the name simply to present a different professional image to the campus "makes us seem really pompous," according to Andy Kent, a senior representative and it may "drive people

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General Pete's partner

Students in Dr. James Jackson's freshman seminar class built a partner for General Pete on the front lawn. The area received about 17 inches of snow, and afternoon and evening classes were cancelled Monday. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

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The biology department used its Education Department grant to purchase equipment that will help in mapping in many disciplines. Page 8.

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Dual meet champs

The Mules' 21-15 win over Ursinus gave them their first dual meet championship since 1994. Page 16.

The Weekly Review

Last Thursday, the Student Council meeting was taped by MCTV; the cameras were invited back after a long hiatus. It's no great wonder, then, that two important issues were on the meeting's agenda. Regardless of what the Weekly thinks of these proposals, it was a refreshing change to the monotony of regular Council operations. Further, we applaud the two representatives who took the time to make these proposals. It would be a step in the right direction if members of student council did this on a regular basis.

The first proposal suggested dividing each class into constituencies, according to alphabetized last names, in an effort to organize and emphasize student representation. The second proposal introduced a motion that would give the student body president a discretionary spending fund, suggested at $4,000 (about 1.5 percent of the Student Council budget). The council originally decided NOT to present this proposal to the student body at a meeting this spring. Council members who voted 'no' in the spring did not vote 'no' to the slush fund. They voted against allowing the entire student body to vote on the slush fund. By doing so, these so called "student representatives" indirectly voted the issue down, and in effect bypassed the entire student body they claim to represent. Council members voted not to present the proposal to the student body, and when discussing and debating the motion on the floor, they focused solely on the merits of the proposal itself, and not the issue of whether the student body at large should have the opportunity to examine the new policy. The current student body president let the discussion rage out of control, and out of a reasonable domain for discussion. Student Council acted as the guardians of the agenda, as if the student body wasn't capable of making an intelligent decision on its own.

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The irony of all this is that the way the discussion was carried out (not the proposal being discussed) spoke volumes on the negative impact of the Council's ego and how its image should be improved. We think that if Council were interested in improving its image, it would let go of just a bit of its enormous control of student finances and, for once, let the student body decide directly on an issue.

As a club funded by Student Council, whose budget was cut this semester for no reason other than Council's monetary constraints, we are quite tempted to agree with those who think the discretionary spending fund is reckless, suspicious and dangerous. But we are just as concerned that Council is tightening its grip on the student body in such a way that disallows for student participation. The student body should be given a chance to vote on the president's slush fund. Council also needs to vote on the proposal brought before them, since all they decided was to not let the student body vote. It must bear in mind that voting 'yes' would require a change to the Constitution and would affect a variety of student clubs and organizations.

It seems as though our words might mean something-at least to the people at Trexler Library and the Office of Information Technology. Although the changes had already begun before the Nov. 9 editorial reported the outdated printers and slow service in the B and C-level computer labs, the improvements serve as a solution to the problems we identified.

To be ready for January's deluge of students (and thus, computer "issues"), OIT hired and trained three computer lab assistants who will be stationed in the B-level lab, Mondays through Thursdays, and again on Sundays. Their regular hours are 7 pm to midnight, except on Sundays, when there is an additional shift from noon-3 pm. The three lab assistants will be responsible for, among other things, overseeing printer and paper glitches and for upkeep of the labs in general. In previous semesters, the library staff was held responsible for these duties, taking them away from helping the students, which caused multiple problems. But, when students and staff finally got together to make their voices heard, the College administration took action and made the necessary change.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: Genetic Engineering

Scientific progress, or altering nature?

Those interested in contributing, contact Dave at dsobotki@hal

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ONE DAY MORE

BETH FREEMAN

Dead Poets and defending values

Last year, I participated in a leadership program with about 30 other Muhlenberg students. One event was to spend six hours on a Saturday participating in various workshops that intended to reveal to us the power of our creative natures. Basically, we finger-painted, did yoga, and made up ghost stories (really, I'm not kidding). As much as I value artistic expression, I was somewhat unsatisfied.

Needless to say, by the end of the day I felt even more cynical than usual - which made the final event of the day greatly upset me. Our spunky leader called our last event a "Value Auction." She told us we could use $1000 to bid on certain idealistic values - for example, Pleasure, Personal Freedom, Financial Security, and Universal Harmony.

If we need to sacrifice some of our self-centered values for the sake of these higher values, so be it.

As we participated in the auction, my stomach began to churn. Students used all of their money to buy values like Fame, Political Power, Financial Security, and Pleasure. No one saved his or her money for such values as Universal Harmony or Closeness to God.

My heart ached even more as we assessed the activity we had just finished. While most of the students commented, "This really made me think about what I value," I was not satisfied.

Thus, when our leader asked for more comments, I could not hold myself back. In one of two times in my life where I have publicly stood up in a dramatic, *Dead Poets Society* manner, I blurted out, "This makes me sick! Is this what we really value? Pleasure? Lust? Fortune? Fame? Where's our desire for Truth? For Knowledge? For Justice?!"

As I slowly slinked back into my seat, one student remarked, "Well... I like to think that ignorance really is bliss."

This was all I needed to justify my random act of emotion. Unfortunately, I quickly responded, "Well... you're wrong!" As our leader ended the day encouraging us to all be open-minded to others' values (while looking right at me), I felt very ostracized from my peers.

I know, however, that many people share my values. Although we often think of our own well being first, we have a higher goal. We desire to find our place in this world - to seek out truth and to seek out purpose. If we need to sacrifice some of our self-centered values for the sake of these higher values, so be it.

In a recent interview, Ralph Nader expressed this idea, saying, "[Justice] is the great work of a human being. If you have to sacrifice personal experi-

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to Melissa Alger's February 1, 2001 letter to the editor. First, I would like to commend the Greek community for their active participation in Katie Koestner's date rape lecture. Nearly two hundred Greeks attended this event, comprising over seventy-five percent of the entire audience. It is good to see that so many Greeks took time out of their busy schedules to become more educated about date rape. The large turnout shows a desire to learn about an important and relevant topic outside of the typical classroom setting.

Although I have several concerns with the letter, I do agree with it on one issue. Yes, the topic of date rape and sexual assault are scary things for men to think about. In just the past few years, society has changed its view from the woman having to prove that she was the victim of a sexual crime, to the present time where a man must prove that his actions were consensual. It came as a surprise to many in the audience who did not know how easy it is for a woman to claim that she was raped or sexually assaulted. Now I know there are many unfortunate incidences of date rape that occur in our country, however, I did not know that the legal definition of these sexual crimes was so fluid.

One fact from the letter that I found disturbing was the quote about leaving a girl for "a dirty garbage man" to rape. Not only was the most important part of the statement omitted, the meaning of it was taken way out of context. First, Phil wasn't speaking as a "fraternity guy" when he was commenting. Instead, he was speaking as a guy who would be concerned with the welfare of a woman. His comment was to point out the problem of what was once an act of kindness could now be viewed as an attempt to rape. The law forces the idea of a woman walking alone to be a better option than a man walking her home. Phil was not suggesting that it was better for him, as a

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THE MARCONI EXPERIMENT, PART 2

DAN RUSSO

Deflating balloons with a space cowboy

I'm delirious. No sleep + too much caffeine = lost grip on reality. Read on for random revelations. We all struggle to keep our feet on the ground. Fantasies, distractions, and daydreams lift us into the sky constantly. Sometimes, we pay others to make us float. Sometimes we create our own personal helium balloons. I have discovered how to stay permanently grounded. My solution centers around two inescapable aspects of human consciousness: the body and problems. No matter where you're flying on your mental vacations, these two elements of existence provide a reality check equivalent to a Concord crash. To grab reality by its nuts, you must strike a balance between your body and your problems so that a two-sided equation forms. If you can manipulate this equation's variables correctly, you will become the most realistic being in the galaxy-the ideal person that the authorities of the real world want you to be. I will be the lab rat that demonstrates the properties of this revolutionary body/problems equation. My example will lead you to practical perfection.

Body: My alarm screams. I am tempted to use the snooze button to retreat from a new day. Instead, I remember the equation. I wake up everyday with a pain in my neck because I'm too cheap to buy a pillow. At night my upper spine curls like a deformed French fry because I sleep on my side. I resist the snooze, focusing on the burning nerves in my neck. I get up. Problem: I think about the thousands of dollars in loans that I, like many other students, will owe after graduation. I imagine myself in my living room -- at 50 -- making the last payment. If I'd studied something more concrete like accounting, by then I wouldn't still be getting my furniture out of dumpsters. The prospect of debt slavery makes neck pain disappear. Body: I see flab jiggle as I exit the shower naked. Problem: Valentine's Day approaches. I'm alone as usual. The last time I got action involved an air pump. Body: I decide to get buff to lure the ladies. I lift weights. Afterwards, I'm so sore I feel like a giant hemorrhoid. I can't lean over to tie my sneakers. Suddenly, my loneliness isn't pressing. Problem: I have a paper due at 8:00 am and it's now 3:45 am. I decide coffee will help me procrastinate better. Body: Trekking to the all-night diner, I realize untied sneakers aren't great for walking through snow drifts. I wonder how many toes I'll lose to frostbite. Paper anxiety is no longer a concern.

My illustrations show that by shifting harmoniously between the two sides of the body/problems equation, I have eliminated the space for fantasies, distractions, and illusions. As a result, I am totally one with reality. I am completely grounded and in touch with the truth of my life. I am the paragon of practicality. I am...miserable! What the hell was I thinking? I need a nap.

Greek community responds

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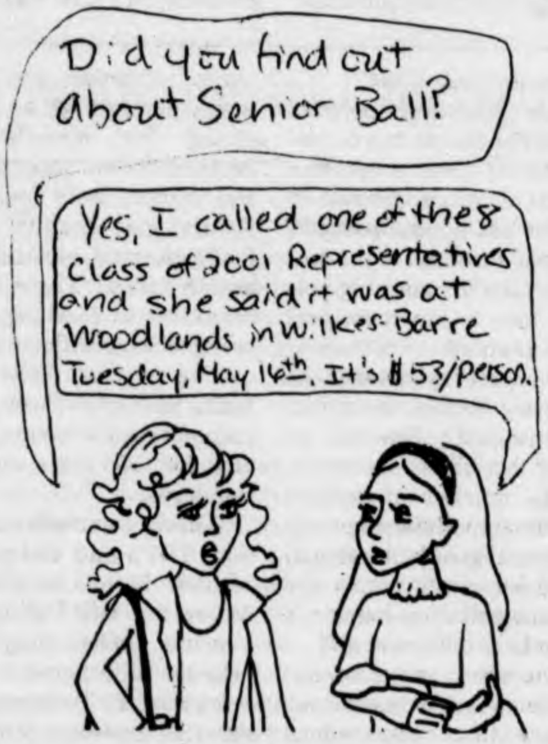
fraternity guy, to take a girl home and take advantage of her in place of a dirty garbage man as the letter suggested. It was angering to see that this quote was turned around in the letter to make a concerned gentleman appear to be ignorant.

It is ridiculous that the letter is labeling all Greek males as rapists. For the past few years, the Greeks at Muhlenberg College have been taking steps to become aware of the issues of date rape and sexual assault in order to prevent it from occurring in our surroundings. Playing a major role in this awareness is attending speakers such as Katie Koestner. By sponsoring speakers and having seminars at our houses, we have worked on eliminating the stereotype of Greeks that the letter suggests. In just the past few months, the fraternities have held more non-alcoholic parties than ever before. This is specifically to curb alcohol-related problems, especially sexual crimes that may occur as a result of parties where alcohol is present. I commend the Greeks who participated in this speaker and came out to become more educated and aware of date rape. We will continue to maintain a positive relationship with Campus Safety and the Counseling Center to educate all of our members.

Sincerely,
Elliot J. Silver
President, Interfraternity Council


Did you find out about Senior Ball?
Yes, I called one of the 8 Class of 2001 Representatives and she said it was at Woodlands in Wilkes-Barre Tuesday, May 16th. It's $53/person.

Constantly question

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ences, it's worth it." This means a lot coming from a man who has dedicated his whole life to social justice, while never even marrying - at least it means more than when an overprivileged young woman who has never made any real sacrifices, says it.

My point in all of this idealistic rambling is this: we need to constantly question our values and our perspective, especially while we live in a comfortable setting like most of us do now. We must see ourselves as members of many communities - a college, a town, a country, and a world. We must realize that our decisions can and do affect our communities. Finally, we must strive to positively affect these communities.

Although these are vague concepts, they have practical implications. Our decisions, like how we treat other people, how we spend our money, what we discuss with others, and what we seek to learn inside and outside of the classroom, will determine these effects. If we constantly question our values, these effects will be positive.

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Weekly Discourse: Global Warming

Do we regulate it, or let it regulate us?

David Rosenstraus

Weekly Columnist

Roaming around campus lately you wouldn't think that global warming was much of a problem. Frigid air keeps us concerned with getting into a heated structure rather than solving the global crisis we are facing concerning the slow boil earth is coming to.

When we heat pours from vents and radiators we are heating more than just the room. The fossil fuels that are burned to make the room warmer are releasing methane and carbon dioxide into our environment. I'm sure most of you have knowledge of the "emission of greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere" but not everyone agrees that it is affecting our global ecosystem.

> *...global warming and the emission of greenhouse gasses should not be disregarded.*

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that greenhouse gasses entrap heat at various levels and prevent the escape of the heat from our atmosphere. Over the past century global temperatures have risen between .45 and .6 degrees Celsius. For Americans who are still not up on the metric system, this is about 1 degree Fahrenheit. This temperature change may not seem very significant, but this is an average temperature change. Some places on earth have gotten warmer more drastically, while others have remained the same.

Proof of temperature changes that have affected the environment have melted out of the polar ice caps. Former Vice President Al Gore comments about a personal experience he had at the North Pole, "But here too (the north pole), CO2 levels are rising just as rapidly...global warming is expected to push temperatures up... As polar air warms, the ice here will thin; and since the polar ice caps plays such a crucial role in the world's weather system, the consequences of a thinning cap could be disastrous."

When most people think of environmental issues and politics they would think "green party" (unless they were thinking about destroying the environment, which would draw a line toward republicans), but here is a former presidential candidate from a mainstream major political party talking about the problem of global warming and how it is a problem that has to be dealt with.

If the ice caps melt as Al Gore has said, this can lead to the movement inward of our coastlines and a serious depletion of our fresh water supply. Besides Al Gore the rest of our government has taken some action to slow down the rate of harmful emissions into the atmosphere. Have you ever taken your car to inspection? What happens to a car that doesn't pass? Are you allowed to drive it? Every time a car is inspected it wouldn't have to pass an emissions test and catalytic converters wouldn't be a mandatory component of the exhaust system.

Global warming is a serious issue that is not ignored by the mainstream politics or in mainstream science. Even if the consequences are still unknown global warming and the emission of greenhouse gasses should not be disregarded. The people who don't recognize the problem and continue to degrade our ozone at the same rate as today could very shortly be in hot water (no pun intended).

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Dr. Chris Borick

Weekly Columnist

During the past decade, there has been growing consensus among members of the scientific community that global warming is a reality that will continue to affect the earth during the next century. While the world's best climatologists continue to differ on the timetable and extent of temperature increases, there is very little disagreement that human activity is heating the planet's atmosphere at an alarmingly quick rate. Yet even with this growing scientific consensus on the problem, political consensus on managing global warming remains extremely elusive. The failure to ratify the 1997 Kyoto Accords is a prime example of the very limited progress that has been made on this issue. While hopes for a dramatic breakthrough in international diplomacy are quite low at this time, there are a number of options to help address the problem that hold outstanding potential.

> *...policies to address the problem have not advanced in recent years.*

Due to the prevalence and deep public attachment to cars, any attempt to reduce emissions by reducing automobile use will undoubtedly be politically impractical. Therefore, government should play an active role in pursuing more politically attainable solutions such as alternative fuel vehicles. While there has been substantial improvement in technologies such as electric and fuel cell vehicles, a substantial infusion of government funds for research and development could drastically accelerate the integration of these types of vehicles into the mainstream market. Additionally, an aggressive employment of tax incentives for consumers who purchase "green" vehicles would bolster public demand for these emerging transportation alternatives.

While carbon emissions are a large contributor to global warming, non-carbon greenhouse gases such as chloroflorocarbons, nitrous-dioxide and aerosols have been identified as potentially more damaging climate warming factors. Noted NASA climatologist James Hanson has argued that substantial reduction of non-carbon greenhouse gases along with politically attainable carbon emission decreases would significantly lessen the rate of global warming in the next 50 years. As with alternative fuels, government can play a crucial role in promoting the transition to alternatives for non-carbon greenhouse gases by employing economic subsidies and incentives in a vigorous manner.

The recent acknowledgment of the reality of global warming from ardent skeptics such as petroleum producers and prominent Republicans has helped to largely put aside the long running debate regarding the theory of climate change. Nevertheless, policies to address the problem have not advanced in recent years. While it may seem defeatist to admit that direct government regulation cannot be achieved, it is necessary to advance the efforts to limit the effects of this world-wide problem. The potential for real progress in finally managing this problem rests with aggressive use of government resources to encourage the adoption of "green" alternatives that will be viewed as acceptable by the public. These market-oriented approaches may not be the complete solution, but as we push further into the evolution of this real and serious problem, let's take what we can get.

Dr. Donna Kish-Goodling

Weekly Columnist

The controversy surrounding the uncertainty and seriousness of global warming leaves the human race with two choices: implement policies today to reduce global warming or rely on future generations to adapt to the effects of higher global temperatures. The United States generates the most greenhouse gas emissions. Half the gases are CO2 from fossil fuel combustion and deforestation. If we choose mitigation rather than adaptation, what would be effective policies?

Government regulation or command-and-control (CAC) policies place mandated limits on pollution that are enforced through some kind of agency. Problems with CAC policies include proper standard selection, emission measurement, enforcement cost-effectiveness and sanctioning of offenders. In addition, standards provide weak incentives for improvements beyond mandated levels.

Market-based policies include emission taxes, abatement subsidies, and transferable discharge permits. Emission taxes are useful when an emission flow can be measured and monitored. The more emissions, the higher the total tax paid. There are incentives for polluters to incur abatement costs to reduce emissions. The market gets a better price signal since the abatement costs and emission taxes result in a higher market price to consumers.

Abatement subsidies also provide incentives to reduce emissions. The government pays the polluter for emission reductions from a benchmark level. However, taxpayers are big losers. Secondly, subsidies may lead to more emissions in the long run because they may invite new firms to enter a polluting industry. Finally, on moral grounds, people do not feel polluters should receive subsidies.

Transferable discharge permits (TDP's) operate like shares in a corporation. The permit gives a firm the right to produce a certain amount of emissions. The less a firm pollutes, the more permits it can sell in the secondary market. If a firm is a big polluter, it would have to buy more permits from small polluters. Unfortunately, some questions are unresolved. How should the initial permits be distributed? How will an agency enforce that emissions correspond with the number of permits owned? Should nonpolluters, specifically environmental groups, be able to buy TDP's and potentially corner the market so that a polluting industry's product cannot be produced at all?

In general, environmental economists advocate emission taxes over abatement subsidies. To reduce domestic greenhouse gas emissions, we should heavily tax all fossil fuel usage. Gasoline should be heavily taxed, perhaps $3 or $4 per gallon, giving car manufacturers huge demand-driven incentives to design and market more fuel-efficient cars. Natural gas, heating oil, and fossil fuel-generated electricity should be heavily taxed. There would be large incentives to produce buildings with more energy-efficient heating and cooling systems. However, there are limits to market incentives, and government regulation may also be necessary for CFC bans and car exhaust standards.

On the international level, regulation, TDP's and carbon taxes all fail because there is no global "enforcer." So we are left feeling helpless and hopeless. What can you do today to help the environment? In 1977, the economist E. F. Schumacher gave a timeless answer: "I can't speak for others, but my own suggestion would be to plant a tree."

Nothing new here: another record year in admission office

Early decision is in; interest in College rises

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Prospective students crowded the Office of Admission Saturday. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

increase in applications from the 389 Early Decision applications of this past year. Overall, the College has received 3,302 applications, which is up 11.1 percent from 2,973 last year. With these increases in number, the College is on track for a highly selective regular decision process.

"The caliber of students in early decision has been very impressive," said Christopher Hooker-Haring, Dean of Admissions. Approximately 40 percent of the Early Decision acceptances ranked in the top 10 percent of their class, in comparison to 2003 and 2004 at 34 percent and 37 percent respectively.

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> Dean of Admission

Following the trends of past classes, members of the class of 2005 who have already been accepted and will almost definitely enroll in the fall have shown the same interests in the majors of biology, business, psychology, and theater besides those who are undecided.

With regard to a new trend in college admission, the College doesn't seem affected. This trend is a drop in the number of applications received by other highly selective colleges.

Both Swarthmore and Haverford have reported that their admission numbers are down from previous years.

This trend in highly selective colleges in fact discourages some students from applying because of the highly selective nature of the admission process.

"There is more variation in the admissions marketplace," said Hooker-Haring. Both the numbers of early and regular decision applications at each school have dropped from previous records.

"We are trying to work with this new trend in admissions and keep the pulse of the dynamic changes occurring throughout the colleges," said Hooker-Haring.

The College expects to have approximately 225 to 250 students under regular decision to fill the class of 2005.

With expected numbers of total applications approaching 3,900 at the end of the admission cycle, the acceptance rate will be as low as 25 percent in regular decision, and 35 percent overall.

In comparison to last year's 44 percent overall acceptance rate, the College is reaching a very highly selective status.

"We have raised the bar due to the weight of the academic numbers of our applicants," said Hooker-Haring.

With the College being highly selective in the admission of students, the Office of Admission is trying to have the prospective students, especially the Early Decision students, get a more extensive look at the campus and help the admission officers understand the reasoning for the students' interest in the College.

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"Interviews are a red flag in the Early Decision process. The students need to learn about the college through questioning us in the interview," said Hooker-Haring. "They will know that both the school and themselves are right for each other."

The Office of Admission is currently through the Regular Decision applications and will be sending out their acceptances later in the spring semester.

In addition to the interview as a time to speak with the students, the College has had the opportunity to communicate with many prospective students as early as their junior year in high school. This spring, there was record attendance at the College's open houses.

Also, the Office of Admission's summer campus tour volume was at a record high in visits. The initiative demonstrated by these students is usually apparent with their decision to apply Early Decision their senior year.

Students who apply Early Decision sign a binding contract that says if the student is accepted, he or she will definitely enroll in the College.

The number of students who enroll in Early Decision is an indicator of how many students the College can accept under regular decision and still hit its enrollment target.

Clarence Page, of Chicago Tribune, finishes Decision 2000 series

BY EMILY GEWITZ
Production Editor

The public lecture given by Clarence Page, the Chicago Tribune's nationally syndicated opinion columnist, marked the end of one project and the beginning of another.

Page was the last speaker slated for the Decision 2000 Lecture Series, which brought prominent political figures, analysts and pundits to the College during the tumultuous election season.

Held in Moyer Hall Forum, Page's lecture, entitled "Multiculturalism in American Politics," also marked the beginning of the Public Engagement Project, a program headed up by Dr. Jack Gambino, associate professor of Political Science, and his administrative assistant, Aaron Bova. The PEP is a three-year initiative, including new courses, forums, and faculty seminars, as well as public lectures. It is funded by a grant from the Hewlett Foundation Program on Pluralism and Diversity.

Page came to the College to talk—to a crowded room of faculty and students—about his experience with the relationship between politics and journalism, and how these two are also linked to race.

He often remarked that "who is accountable, and to whom?" is a critical question to ask when evaluating a situation. In speaking about the presidential election, Page voiced concern about the two front running candidates, sharing personal anecdotes with the audience.

On Al Gore, "the humanity drained from his face the minute the red light went on," Page said, about a Gore television appearance. "He was Robo Candidate."

Page also spent time with then-Governor Bush on a plane, where Bush confused Page with conservative columnist Walter Williams. This brought up the racial discord that he frequently runs into, even as a prominent Washington journalist. But, Page remarked, you have to approach every situation with humor.

He often gets confused with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas as well, although that is because of their first names, "John McLaughlin's called me that on the air," Page laughed, recalling his frequent guest spots as a panelist on The McLaughlin Group.

Page has also appeared on NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, ABC News This Week, National Public Radio, and he is the author of many freelance articles and a book entitled "Showing My Color: Impolite Essays on Race and Identity."

His long list of awards, honors and appearances stand as evidence of Page's distinguished career.

He has been a columnist for the Chicago Tribune since 1984, having started out as a local and city writer. Page won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972, for a Chicago Tribune Task Force series on voter fraud. His columns appear every Sunday and Wednesday in 150 national newspapers.

And what does Clarence Page think of the new Bush White House? "We're going to see a lot of Dick," he said, referring to Vice President Cheney's considerable experience in past administrations.

OFF CAMPUS

Gallaudet University; Washington, D.C. -- The second murder in four months shocked this city campus this week, as a 19-year old freshman was found stabbed to death in a first-floor dormitory room. Just four months earlier, another freshman was beaten to death in the very same building. The University has about 2,000 students, all deaf or hearing-impared. Student and Univeristy officials say they have no idea whether the murders are related and if a murderer is still around. The police now have no clues connecting the two murders and are essentially without any leads: nobody saw the murderer; nobody knows if there was a motive; there are no suspects. At about 4 a.m. on Saturday morning, all of the approximately 150 students housed in the freshman dorm evacuated the building. University officials say there was no fire, but a student worker, conducting a sweep of all rooms, discovered the freshman's body.

Lafayette College -- The Keck Foundation donated $300,000 to Lafayette for a piece of equipment that will allow students and professors to study the movement of rivers. They will also study river sediments and energy possibilities. Included in the donation is a 37-foot-long recirculating flume, which will allow students and professors to physically model the movement of water in rivers on a small scale.

Allentown -- The owner of the former Colonial Theater downtown was cited recently for violations of the city's building codes, with smashed in windows, rusting electrical equipment and an open roof. He has 44 days to repair the problems.

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
⛅	🌧	🌧
Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Showers
High: 48 Low: 34	High: 51 Low: 35	High: 49 Low: 29

Faculty discusses honesty policy, using other systems as a guide

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

As the College examines its final exam schedule, it finds itself in the middle of a discussion about academic honesty, its behavior code and the way other colleges handle honesty. At a faculty meeting last month, educators discussed academic honesty and touched slightly on the possibility of an honor code, which would more strictly govern academic integrity than the Academic Behavior Code does now.

"An honor code is a tricky piece of business," Patrice DiQuinzio, a philosophy professor, said. "It's not just a matter of changing the rules. It's a matter of changing the way people think."

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> Patrice DiQuinzio
> Philosophy

The fundamental principle behind an honor code is that all students are required to confront someone they find cheating. Students and professors who have worked in environments with honor codes say that each student is behind the code and turns in anyone that cheats.

"On the student side of things, it's a huge responsibility," said Erika Sutherland, a professor of Spanish, who also heads the Academic Judicial Board.

She and DiQuinzio both agreed that for an honor code to work, every member of the community must participate and believe in the program. Though honor codes cover acting honestly and with integrity in one's own work, the straining part of the code is in what's required of a student who observes cheating.

"An honor code requires a lot more self-monitoring by students," DiQuinzio said. "It really requires that people confront each other."

Mike Anderson, a junior at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C., which has an honor code, said that in one of his classes, the professor gave a list of about 65 possible essay topics for the final exam. Because they have self-scheduled exams at his college, he said, he took the exam before many of his friends did. The honor code there ensures that none of the students in that class tell others what the essay question is.

It can happen at a college "if you can create an ethos on campus where that really happens," DiQuinzio said. "You have to say, 'yeah, I could cheat here, but I'm not going to.' And it's really hard to do that."

College officials have highlighted some other drawbacks.

"Ultimately, they become very absolute," Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch said, "and I'm not an absolutist." He also said that they have an "unflexible and rigid" enforcement system.

Kristina Brantley coordinates the final exam schedule at Davidson College and said that there are rarely cases where students are found to have cheated or plagiarized on work. Still, those that do are usually "dismissed from the College," she said. "So it's serious."

Dretsch said that though he prefers our code to an honor code, he also said that our code needs to be "tweaked," if only in the approach to communicating what exactly academic integrity means.

"Students need to be given the advantage of a greater level of instruction about academic integrity," he said. It "should occupy more of our collective conversation."

The Center for Ethics, headed by Marjorie Hass, a philosophy professor, is currently studying trends in academic behavior and attitudes that students have on a level specific to the College. She said that the findings of the inquiry, led by Susan Leggett, a communication professor, may have some impact on the way the College—including its students—approaches academic integrity.

Sutherland said that the most effective way to change the approach to academic honesty is for students to voice their concerns now. "The whole culture cannot come from above," she said.

This is an important point in the process, she said, and that this is the best time for students to express their support or dissent to such a system. She did say that the effort "has to include parents."

There is so much pressure coming from home to some students, she said, that it would be impossible to make any changes without also incorporating parental attitudes.

"Parents say, 'I don't care if my son or daughter cheated. You're ruining my child's chances at x, y or z.' Well, no—your child ruined his or her own chances at x, y or z. But some parents don't want to hear that."

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

NASDAQ's numbers make millionaires...for a day, anyway

The Dow Jones Industrial Average did well on Monday as it rose 101.75 points to close the session at 10966. The NASDAQ struggled and closed at 2,643 after having fallen 17.29 points on Monday.

Many analysts, however, expected technology stocks to come out the gates very this year. Steve Milunovich, Merrill Lynch's chief technology strategist is quoted as saying, "Tech stocks will struggle in the first half of 2001, but could rebound in the second half. Until then, investors should find a way to diversify their holdings outside of technology."

Still, there are optimists who believe that recent interest rate cuts are reason to believe to believe that a "new" bull market is coming.

In the last century there have been eight "bull markets," the last of which began in October of 1990, when the price-to earnings ratio was 11.7; now the p/e ratio is 25.6.

Optimistic investors are excited because our current p/e ratio is higher than any past ratios that have led to a bull market. Realistically, stocks are still so highly priced that there is little chance of repeating the huge gains we saw in recent years.

The NASADQ market had decimal point problems last week, causing some people to believe that they were millionaires for a little while.

For example e.Digital, a stock that usually trades for around $2.40 a share was quoted on several sites at $209 a share. NCT Group is worth about 26 cents per share, but a young woman who checked her brokerage account to check up on her 5,700 shares of NCT Group, found them listed at $260 each—or about 100,000% higher than the actual worth.

This example depicts the roller-coaster ride investors took. This bad data was sent to several major firms including Charles Schwab. The problem was blamed on a few stock-data vendors, whose computers simply had trouble switching to the correct decimal prices.

The NASDAQ quotes stocks using fractions. These stock-data vendors would then switch the fractional notation to decimal notation. To avoid any further mix-ups, the NASDAQ market will begin using decimals April 9.

In other news, Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Ali al Naimi decided on Monday that oil prices were low enough at their current level, and said that their was no need for OPEC to cut oil prices further.

Oil prices will continue to sell between $22 and $28 a barrel. Last week gasoline prices fell 1.7 cents per gallon to $1.46, but that is 12 cents more than gas cost a year ago.

In divisive debate, Council rejects discretionary fund

Votes not to present plan at student body meeting

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Still, that didn't stop almost everyone in Council from arguing the merits of the proposal.

Some members objected to the fact that if Council, as elected representatives of the College, voted not to give money for a particular thing, then the president could override that decision with the discretionary spending fund.

"At that point, I would just sign off on it because I don't have a say in it," Christina Coviello, Council treasurer said. Normally, the treasurer must sign expense warrants before any club gets money.

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>
> Jay Dombi, Sophomore class president

Candace Raio, junior class president, characterized the $4,000 fund as "kind of extreme" and questioned where it would come from. Some argued that it would be less money for clubs and organizations that are already faced with a tight budget.

But Student Council's budget every year approaches $250,000 and the discretionary spending fund, which could have been for any amount of money, not just the $4,000 suggested, would be a small portion of that.

Brian Raihle, of MCTV, broadcast the first meeting with television cameras in weeks. The meeting lasted over three hours.

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

"All we're talking about here is to bring it up at a meeting," sophomore class president Jay Dombi said. It would set up a "basic floorplan" for the future. "This can be changed and I'm sure will be changed."

The fund would be "open knowledge to whoever wants to see it," Jodi Siegel, president of the student body, clarified at one point, even though regular warrants now are not open for anyone to see. "We need to give them some power," Brookstein said of the president.

There is nothing to insure against a conflict of interest; even if the student body president were also the president of another organization, he or she would still have no checks to keep money from going into that organization.

"Maybe we might want to put a little more thought into it," Brookstein said at one point.

"There are absolutely no checks; there is no accountability for anything," Coveillo said. "We always have a tight budget; we always come down to just a few dollars at the end of the year."

She asked if the money could go to organizations that were not open to the whole campus and were not eligible for student council funds. Brookstein responded that they were.

The fund was likened to that of the Dean of Students. Rudy Ehrenberg gets a portion of the student activities fee to spend at his discretion and without any checks.

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> Christina Coviello, Treasurer

"But also, Rudy is an administrator," Juliet Kholi, a representative of the senior class, said. "He's not a full time student who's in a fraternity or whatever." She said the proposal was "kind of shady."

In this case, a student would have the sole discretion of spending money that is packaged with the tuition bill and is required of a full-time student. "Well, that doesn't sit well with me," Mat Wolfson, a freshman representative, said.

"I really hope you guys trust the student body president a little more than that," Siegel interjected at one point.

Steve Soroka, a representative of the sophomore class, said the proposal was "a really bad idea" as some organizations submit perfect budgets, but get cut anyway. "Four thousand dollars is an aggregious amount of money," he said. "It's entirely too sneaky and too shady for my taste."

"This is not a huge amount of money," Brookstein said. "It's really really not."

Coviello said that Council should examine the ways that funds are allocated now before creating new methods for allocation. She said only a handful of members comes to Finance Committee meetings.

"As for the rest of you, I'm not sure where everyone is" during finance meetings, Coviello said. Dimirsky struggled several times to steer the debate back to the actual motion, which was to present the proposal to the student body and had almost nothing to do with implementation.

The debate hardly touched on whether or not students deserved to hear the issue and decide for themselves.

"The student body deserves at least that much respect," Dimirsky said.

At spring meeting, student body to vote on new representation

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

Student Council voted Thursday to present to the student body a proposal that would assign about 80 students to each student council representative to serve as a constituency.

This proposal, made by Steve Dimirsky, representative of the senior class, and Josh Brookstein, a sophomore and recording secretary, is designed to provide for representative responsiveness to students' concerns and would be a way not only for students to contact Council members, but for communication to flow the other way, too, Dimirsky said.

As proposed, the bill, which will be presented before the student body this spring, would assign about 80 students to each Council representative on whom the Council member would focus his or her attention. They stressed that the representation would not be confined to a member's 80 students, but would be a focus.

"It really increases what we're able to do on campus," Dimirsky said. "If you do a good job, you get reelected because you're in touch with your constituents. If they want to do a good job and they want to get reelected, this is a means of doing so."

The districts would be assigned by alphabet, the only way Dimirsky said they could "divide the class up evenly and fairly." They considered residence halls, but for seniors who don't live on campus, districting M.I.L.E. houses would be impractical, Dimirsky said.

"To me, Council has developed this complex of me, me, me," sophomore class president Jay Dombi said, citing debates on Council's own dress code, television policy and name change. Districting is a "means and opportunity to actually do something on this campus," he said.

This was presented to a skeptical Council. Dimirsky and Brookstein thwarted questions on specific details, saying they would be determined by Council Operations. Indeed, the motion, made by Dimirsky, was to present the skeleton of the proposal to the student body. Council did not vote to approve or disapprove this proposal.

Council could have made a simple resolution and voted on it that night, but Brookstein and Dimirsky said that it could be revoked at the next meeting, also by a simple majority.

In order for Council to pass an amendment to its Constitution, it must present the amendment at a student body meeting and the students at that meeting would vote on it.

Some Council members wondered if districting was a scheme to help some members get reelected rather than as a means for communication. "It was at the bottom of the list" of priorities, Brookstein said.

"I have no vested interest in getting reelected," Dimirsky, a senior in his final term, commented.

Kristen DiLorenzo, a representative of the junior class, said the plan "would take away a lot of creativity."

Dombi disagreed. He said it would provide for "increased creativity and communication" and may help a little for reelection, but he pointed out there are about 2,000 students at school and 80 votes wouldn't do much to guarantee reelection.

"A representative should never be afraid to do more work," Elias Saratovsky, vice president, said.

"It's our job to do that—it's what we're elected for," Brookstein said, adding that instead of having the whole council serve 2,000 students, now each representative serves 80, something he considers a more manageable effort.

In the end, the vote was a clear 22-1 approval, with one abstention. Because the motion passed, the proposal will be put before the student body at the next meeting, later this spring.

The districting will not affect the representatives this term, but, if approved, will affect the representation next year.

Debates at Council focus on image and popularity

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away" from Council if it seems too official.

"I'm getting this sick sense that our priorities are somewhat misplaced," Candace Raio, president of the junior class, said, adding that if Council were to study other student organizations, it should be toward a better end. "It doesn't really make a difference to me," she said to meek and tongue-in-cheek applause. The name change would bring Council "in step" with other governing bodies, Elias Saratovsky, a junior, said at the meeting.

"I don't really see the need to change this," Steve Soroka, a sophomore representative, said. "I like Student Council and I think it's a cool name."

Still, some said that the name is juvenile and used mostly in high schools. It doesn't cast a good image on resumes, they said.

In the end, Council voted 12-11 not to put the name change on the agenda at the next student body meeting. It did vote to present to the student body a proposal to divide each class into alphabetical districts, with each district assigned a representative. Many in Council think that will improve communication among students and representatives and eventually boost Council's image and popularity. But it remains, for now, Student Council.

Another issue was calling a student body meeting before the next scheduled meeting in the spring.

The purpose would have been to get the student body together to discuss and vote on issues that require everyone's approval. Every change to the Student Council constitution must be approved at a student body meeting.

Council voted Thursday to present to the student body this spring a proposal to divide the campus into constituencies. It voted not to let the student body vote on a discretionary spending fund for the student body president.

The name change, though voted down, and the dress code, which hasn't been strictly enforced, are not necessarily out of mind. They may be brought up as a motion at any future meeting.

A Gothic snowball fight

With the snow-laden chapel as a backdrop, students took advantage of cancelled afternoon classes Monday to have a snowball fight. Photo by Jeff Baird

New equipment in Shankweiler aids in mapping and surveying

Ryan Martin, a junior, models the GTI equipment. Photo by Jeff Baird

By Nina Forsberg
Weekly Staff Writer

The biology department recently received new equipment with Department of Education funding.

A Geographic Information System (GIS) and Hewlett Packard large format plotter for making maps arrived these past two weeks and are found in the Biology museum GIS lab.

These additions join other recent cutting-edge equipment, such as two weather stations and the Hydro-lab; both made possible with Mellon Foundation grants. The weather stations, located atop Shankweiler and at the Graver Arboretum, allow the college to collect long-term weather data for study of issues such as global warming, while the Hydro-lab allows for continuous sampling of aquatic environmental variables.

PCR (polymerase chain reaction) equipment is also relatively new for molecular biology.

"Science is always in need of new equipment. What's new today won't be in five years, so it's a constant challenge for faculty and the college to keep up to date," Richard Niesenbaum, a biology professor, says.

He also stresses that all equipment is accessible to students.

"We work hard to make sure students get to use equipment in the classroom and for independent research."

According to Niesenbaum, many universities have expensive equipment, but students never get to touch it.

"At Muhlenberg, students can conceive of their own projects and become engaged in the full process of science."

Two students conducting independent projects and students in conservation biology are already exploring GIS's capabilities.

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> Richard Niesenbaum
> Professor of biology

Invented and used by the military for many years, GIS is a spatial analysis device. Only about ten years ago it became available for scientific computations.

Researchers collect GIS data in the field with Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment.

When a certain plant or animal is spotted, information is typed into a hand-held receiver, which is connected to a small satellite worn on a book-bag.

When information is collected, the GPS can be uploaded to a computer. Maps can then be made from the data. "It's appealing to students because it is both visually and quantitatively satisfying," says Niesenbaum.

Not restricted to the biology department, the GIS is an interdisciplinary resource which will be promoted throughout the college.

Departments from economics to anthropology are all encouraged to use the mapping equipment. An open house for anyone interested will held in the biology museum on April 9.

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Campus Safety Notes

Jan. 29—Injured Student—A student suffered an ankle injury in the Life Sports Center and was transported to the hospital.

Jan. 30—Code Violations—A student violated judicial board sanctions and was referred back to the judicial board.

Jan. 30—Injured Student—A student suffered a leg injury in the Life Sports Center and refused transport to the hospital.

Jan. 31—Controlled Substance—Three students in Prosser were sent to the Dean of Students for a drug violation.

Jan. 31—Controlled Substance—One student in Prosser was sent to the Dean for a drug violations.

Jan. 31—Failure to Comply—One student from Prosser was sent to the Dean for providing false information and for failing to cooperate with Campus Safety.

Jan. 31—Vandalism—A table in a Prosser lounge was broken into several pieces.

Jan. 31—Injured Student—A student suffered an ankle injury in Seegers Union.

Jan. 31—Animal Complaint—A dog ran loose on the football field and was accompanied by a non-student.

Jan. 31—Check Welfare—A student was sick in Taylor Hall.

Feb. 1—Trespassing—Four people were told to leave the campus after they solicited material door-to-door on campus housing.

Feb. 1—Vandalism—Several inappropriate items were flushed down a Prosser toilet.

Feb. 1—Fire Safety Violation—A Benfer student violated fire codes.

Feb. 1—Fire Safety Violation—Four rooms in Prosser had material hanging from the ceilings, in violation of fire codes. The residents were given warnings.

Feb. 1—Harassment by Communication—A Brown resident received several wrong-number phone calls because another person was repeatedly misdialing a number.

Feb. 1—Code Violation—After habitual violations, a student's parking privilege was revoked.

Feb. 1—Fire Alarm—Students failed to evacuate after a fire alarm at 432 Albright St.

Feb. 2—Alcohol Violation—Several intoxicated students yelled at Campus Safety officers on Chew St.; the officers stopped and gave them alcohol citations. The students were sent to the Dean.

Feb. 2—Failure to Comply—A vehicle almost ran over a Campus Safety officer giving tickets on the front circle. The driver was given a citation.

Feb. 2—Vandalism to Vehicle—A car was keyed in the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot.

Feb. 2—Vandalism to Vehicle—A car's door was kicked and its license plate was bent in the Sigma Phi Epsilon parking lot.

Feb. 2—Terroristic Threats—A student issued terror threats to another student in Taylor Hall and was referred to the Dean.

Feb. 2—Vandalism—A screen in Brown was removed and was found later in Prosser Hall.

Feb. 3—Disturbance—Two students were yelling at each other and one was referred to the Dean.

Feb. 3—Disorderly Conduct—Screaming and yelling was reported in Prosser.

Feb. 3—Failure to Comply—A student constantly parks in the Benfer Fire Lane and was given a citation for failure to comply.

Feb. 3—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off a fire alarm at 428 Albright St.

Feb. 3—Injured Student—At 2143 Chew St., a student was sick but refused transport to the hospital.

Feb. 3—Vandalism—A screen was kicked out in East Hall.

Feb. 4—Assist A.P.D.—A loud party was reported to the Allentown Police Department at 423 Leh St. and Campus Safety assisted A.P.D. No citations were given.

Feb. 4—Alcohol Violation—One student was referred to the Dean and two non-students were given letters of trespass after violating the alcohol policy in Walz.

Feb. 4—Vandalism—The seventh hole of the Frisbee golf course was removed from Taylor Mall. It was replaced.

Feb. 4—Alcohol Violation—Five students in Walz were sent to the Dean for violating the alcohol policy.

Feb. 4—Disturbance and Alcohol Violation—Two students were yelling in Prosser Hall; one was intoxicated and sent to the Dean.

Feb. 4—Theft—A laptop computer was stolen from Prosser and was recovered at the Seegers Information desk.

Feb. 4—Hit and Run—One student's car suffered rear damage on 23rd St.

Feb. 4—Noise Complaint—The Campus Safety dispatcher reported excessive yelling and swearing in Prosser.

Feb. 4—Motor Vehicle Accident—A student's car was damaged on the 2100 block of Chew St.

Feb. 5—Vandalism—Someone kicked a hole in the study lounge wall in Walz Hall.

Feb. 6—Vandalism—Garbage and clothing were strewn about the second floor of Prosser.

Feb. 6—Harassment—Students were throwing snowballs at the Plant Operations worker clearing snow in the M.L. quad.

Have you been busted by Campus Safety for alcohol violations?

The Muhlenberg Weekly is interested in writing about the judicial process and the number of alcohol violations. **Especially if you are a freshman** and have been through the process, please contact

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Weekly life!

"Life is not a laughing matter - but can you imagine having to live without laughing?"

-Leonard Sukhoru Kou

Candy hearts, flowers and condoms

National Condom Week

By Allison C. Curd
Life! Editor

As Valentine's Day quickly approaches, the added pressures and stress that accompany the day are as well. These pressures include more than just what to buy that special someone or the dreaded decision of chocolate or flowers. These pressures include sex and practicing safe sex. The American Social Health Association is sponsoring National Condom Day in hopes of promoting safe sex and increased condom use.

Valentine's Day is a time for love, sharing and for expressing oneself. However, if questioning sex, partners should be able and willing to discuss sex openly. According to Linda Alexander, the president and CEO of ASHA, "We encourage people to talk openly and honestly with their sexual partners about the sensitive subject of condoms as a way to reduce the risk of sexually transmitted diseases."

The ASHA states that there are approximately 15.3 million cases of STDs diagnosed every year in the United States, and most people suffering from one do not realize they even have one. Alexander feels that "by using a condom you avoid getting or transmitting an infection that you might not even know you have."

National Condom Week was created in 1978 at UC Berkeley. This week usually falls around Valentine's Day. It coincides with the holiday because both the ASHA and Planned Parenthood of North East Pennsylvania feel that it is a great time to promote condom awareness and safe sex on college campuses. National Condom Week runs from February 12th -16th and includes more than candy hearts and cheesy love poems. It is intended to promote communication between partners and encourage the benefits of safe sex.

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Off-Duty, Kern rings in

By Christine Moyer
Weekly Staff Writer

Despite the numerous activities that occur on campus, telephones are often thought of as priceless commodities because they directly link the students to the outside world. Recollect how many times you use the phone to call for pizza, to keep in touch with friends and family at home or just to call your best friend down the hall. Now imagine if this privilege was no longer available. The chaos that would result from such a hypothetical event would most certainly occur if Karen Kern did not work on campus.

Many students don't know her name, nor are they aware of her adventurous spirit, but nearly everyone on campus recognizes Karen Kern's friendly smile and her kind voice. Kern works for STC Services in the basement of Prosser Hall, next to the Department of Campus Safety. Her job consists of "doing customer service, changing accounts, working with accounts payable, taking care of phone problems, pinnumber problems, payment problems and boyfriend problems," she casually explains, laughing. Besides working with aspects of the telephone system on campus, she is also in charge of addressing cable and voice mail issues.

In addition to her dailiy duties on campus, Kern also works at STC's home office on Cedar Crest Boulevard. She explains that STC Service works with 44 schools, including Muhlenberg. "Most of those schools," Kern comments, "do not need a representative on campus, they simply call STC services when there is a problem."

Kern is no stranger to Allentown, considering that she grew up in Orefield, Pa. and attended high school in Topton. She has not limited herself to a life in the Lehigh Valley. Rather, she has traveled all over the United States. Kern enthusiastically explains that she has been from the East to the West Coast and has even visited Hawaii and Alaska. In explaining her travels, Kern laughs and simply states: "I like to travel. I like to see the world."

This adventurous spirit that has led Kern across the United States is also the burning passion behind her love of the outdoors and various sports. In her free time Kern enjoys going camping and fishing. Concerning sports, Kern jokingly comments, "I love to watch football, but now that it's over I'm a little disappointed." On a more serious note, Kern loves to ice skate and roller skate as well as crochet.

Although Kern has a desire to travel and relax by participating in the activities that she enjoys, she still loves her job. When speaking of her position at Muhlenberg Kern comments, "I enjoy working here, and the Muhlenberg students are great." While she is unsure of what her future may hold, it is evident that Kern plays a tremendous role in making campus life enjoyable.

What's that coffee buzz?

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Asst. Life! Editor

life! on campus

Now at the Java Joe coffee cart in Seegers Union, Starbuck's Fair Trade coffee is being sold as a part of the effort of gourmet coffee sellers to purchase their beans from Third World farmers, under "fair trade" regulations. Java Joe has invested in Fair Trade coffee because of the campus' recent interest in corporation boycotting. "The reason Starbucks offered Fair Trade coffee is because organizational global exchange threatened a national boycott. This showed the power of boycotting," said senior Beth Freeman, who initiated the buying of Fair Trade coffee and has begun a campus-wide boycott for companies owned by tobacco conglomerate Philip Morris.

Over half of the world's coffee is produced on small family farms with only a few acres of coffee trees. The Fair Trade program provides a way for these farmers to increase their incomes by helping them organize into cooperatives. Fair trade farmers are guaranteed a premium over the price being paid for coffee on the international market. This helps them afford everything from basic healthcare to education, and housing improvements for their families and farms.

Fair Trade Coffee
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This new wave of social activism is very important for coffee growers and drinkers alike. The nonprofit organization that provides independent certification of Fair Trade products promotes healthy relationships between farmers and business, and works to educate consumers about Fair Trade. This organization is called TransFair USA.

TransFair has four guidelines for Free Trade coffee.

First, coffee importers must agree to purchase from the small farmers included in the International Fair Trade Coffee Register.

Second, farmers are guaranteed a minimum "fair trade price" of $1.26/pound for their coffee. If world price rises above this floor price, farmers will be paid a small ($0.05/pound) premium above market price.

Third, coffee importers provide a certain amount of credit to farmers against future sales, helping farmers to stay out of debt to local coffee "coyotes" or middlemen.

The final guideline is importers and roasters agree to develop direct, long-term trade relationships with producer groups, in order to cut out middlemen and bring greater commercial stability to an extremely unstable market.

Oxfam and Transfair America have signed coffee companies on to the effort. Oxfam fights poverty worldwide, and Transfair promotes fairly traded imports. Coffee is the second largest trade commodity in the world, next to oil. If there is enough consumer demand (Americans spend more money on coffee than any other country—$18 billion), it can be applied to other farming products that affect different environments of the world.

What can ordinary coffee drinkers do? Well, ask for Fair Trade and support these farmers in this important endeavor. To the college campus and beyond, be conscious of your coffee choice and ask for Fair Trade when ordering a cup of java.

This 'Valentine' will break your heart

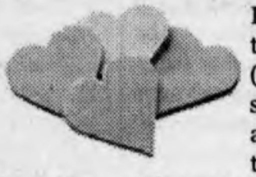
remember
february
14th

By Angela Kessler
Weekly Staff Writer

LIFE! review

What are you doing this Valentine's Day? Hopefully you are not going to see "Valentine" with Denise Richards and David Boreanaz. This movie combined poor writing, mediocre acting (with a small exception of Boreanaz) and cheesy references and elements of fear stolen from other box office hit horror flicks. This is a surprise flop, since the movie came from "Urban Legends" director, Jamie Blanks.

The beginning scene shows promise with a sixth grader, Jeremy Melton, getting turned down by five girls at a Valentine's Day dance. He is beaten up by some other boys and doused in punch; it looks a lot like the pig's blood that was thrown at another famous horror-flick dance in "Carrie." Later in life, Jeremy Melton comes back as a cupid-masked slasher to seek his revenge as he first kills the character Shelly (Katherine Heigl of "Roswell"). The rest of the girls reunite at her funeral. The girls—Paige, the sexy one (Richards), Kate, the wholesome girl next door (Marley Shelton), Dorothy, the former fat one (Jessica Capshaw), and Lily, the eccentric (Jessica Caffiel)—all suddenly become best friends again. Each of them receives threatening Valentines and none think anything of it, despite the recent murder of their childhood friend.



Many of the plot details and lines make no sense and the acting could have been better. The story line wasn't well thought-out, either: These girls haven't seen each other for years, and when a mutual friend dies, they just become close, have parties together, and know everything about each other. Kate's boyfriend Adam (Boreanaz), for example, is an alcoholic and they are separated. Each one of the girls knew that and they had just seen each other for the first time in a couple years. Also, the cupid mask, all black clothes and the knife seem to be a cheap rip-off of "Scream" with its black robe, scary mask, and a similar knife. Toward the end of the movie, as the police believe the killer may be at the Valentine Party at Dorothy's house, the police detective (Fulvio Cecere) shows up without anyone else from the police force. Why not call for back-up?

The most elaborate killing and the most humorous part of the movie involves the most insignificant character. Dorothy's new boyfriend's ex-girlfriend shows up to the party. This girl sees the cupid-masked figure carrying a body and he runs after her. This is arguably the most suspenseful scene of the movie. But, at the end of the scene, it is realized that she had nothing to do with the movie and it didn't matter that she died at all. Why bring some no-name character that has no relevance to the movie and kill her so elaborately?

As for acting, Boreanaz, for what little time he had on the screen, did fairly well, considering he had no decent writing to work with. Denise Richards will always be a model unless she gets acting lessons. However, it is fitting that she plays the sex magnet in the film.

National Condom Week
February 12-16

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Jonathan,
I am forever yours faithfully!
Happy Valentine's Day sweetheart!
Love u,
Victoria

Sweetie,
Thank you for all the wonderful times that we have had to share!
HAPPY V-DAY!
Luv ya, Jessica

Stacey,
Thank you for being a wonderful friend.
Love,
Your secret Valentine!!!! :)

To my Cooool Dude,
Thank you for being so wonderful and making me unbelievably happy :)
Love,
Your Angel

You're smarter than Einstein,
Hotter than A.C. Slater.
I want to ask you out,
But I didn't vote for Ralph Nader!

Linds,
No one has ever made me feel like this before.
You are the best thing to happen to me and I love you very much.
Love,
Dave

Dear Relish,
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. I love you so very much.
Love,
Shmoopy

Katie,
Will you be my Valentine?
Love, Michael

Matt Jones,
I want a piece of your EnAcTion!

Happy V-Day to D.A., L.K., C.O., K.W., HANK, S.W., K.H., A.B., K.P., P.P., E.D., J.C., S.L., H.B.. Love, Bek.

Rainer Maria: *A Better Version of Me*
Polyvinyl Records
Check out if you like:
Yo La Tengo, The Promise Ring, Get Up Kids

Virgin Vinyl

by Stephanie Clarke

The Weekly and WMUH team up to bring you the best in cutting edge, college music.

Chaotic meets melodic in the latest poetic offering from emo threesome Rainer Maria. If the name sounds familiar to you, it's most likely for one of two reasons. a) Jargon of that deceptively awkward kid with the tiny Goodwill t-shirt and orange sneakers who lives down the hall. b) Somewhere in the textual fog of your literary requirement last year, something about symbolism and 19th century Austrian poets; that would be Rainer Maria Rilke. But even if the two words have never been joined before your eyes, look now because this band is gaining ground.

Upon the demise of punk band Ezra Pound in 1995, singer/guitarist Kyle Fischer and drummer William Kuehn sought broader poetic pursuits, picking up lyrical ideas and a singer/bassist in the form of Caithlin De Marrais from a poetry workshop at the University of Wisconsin. Within six weeks the band recorded, and proceeded to quickly sell, 350 demo cassettes. Six years later, they bring us their third full-length record, "A Better Version of Me." In the tradition of the emo-style they helped to legitimize, Rainer Maria's sound is the epitome of dynamic. De Marrais's expressive, compelling, sometimes tortured, voice beats atop the drifts of Fischer's frayed guitar sounds and softens into the grooves of Kuehn's visceral rhythms. The effect is one that has been called everything from "emotionally stimulating" to "melodically violent" (CMJ-NMR). While the parts don't always achieve satisfying cohesion, and the production seems inadequate, Rainer Maria's appeal is in its soul-bearing attitude hitting you at the right speed. They set edgy, layered melodies to the chaos we feel inside. Heavy stuff for a band that practices in a converted cow barn. But with the growing popularity of emo bands like Get Up Kids paving the way, Rainer Maria is crooning to an increasingly wider audience. The trend suggests that people just may be looking for something with more emotional substance than "Who let the dogs out."

Rainer Maria will be featured on Virgin Vinyl Sunday at 10 p.m. on WMUH.

life! movie listings

February 9th-11th

AMÇ Tilghman 8
Hannibal
Fri.-4:10pm, 7:30, 10:40; Sat.-1:00, 4:10, 7:30, 10:40; Sun.-1:00, 4:10, 8:20
Saving Silverman
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 8:00
Head Over Heels
Fri.-5:00, 8:00, 10:10; Sat.-2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:10; Sun.-2:00, 5:00, 7:45
Valentine
Fri.-4:10, 7:20, 9:50; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 7:50
The Wedding Planner
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:10
Cast Away
Fri.-4:00, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-12:45, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.-12:45, 4:00, 8:10
Save the Last Dance
Fri.-4:30, 7:40, 10:20; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:40, 10:20; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 8:10
Finding Forrester
Fri. and Sat.-7:00, 10:00; Sun.-8:00
The Pledge
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-4:00
Sugar and Spice
Sat. and Sun.-1:20

19th Street Theater
State and Main
Fri.-8:00pm; Sat.-4:00, 7:00; Sun.-4:45
Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
Sat.-9:30; Sun.-2:00, 7:30

Carmike Cinemas
Head Over Heels
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Chocolat
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50
Save the Last Dance
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Finding Forrester
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:45, 3:45, 7:00, 9:50
Snatch
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:10, 4:00, 7:10, 9:55
Valentine
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 9:35
Traffic
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:30, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
Hannibal
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:15, 1:45, 4:00, 4:45, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:30
Saving Silverman
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:30
The Wedding Planner
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:00, 3:40, 7:20, 9:40
What Women Want
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:15, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
Miss Congeniality
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:45, 7:00
The Pledge
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-4:30, 9:55
Cast Away
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
The Gift
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
13 Days
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:00, 7:15

Hypnotist enchants

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

"I just want to make it really clear. When you are hypnotized, you will never do anything that is against your views, morals, and beliefs," said hypnotist/comedian Dr. Steve Taubman, who has hypnotized over 7,000 people.

After performing a fairly simple "practice" test, a large portion of the audience went to the stage, took several deep relaxing breaths and prepared themselves to be hypnotized. About 15 of the best were picked and told to seat themselves in the 10 or so chairs, and to "sleep."

One of the first experiences was to "go to the movies." Each person as told that they were at the movie theater to see a great funny movie. Once they got to the funny part, each one couldn't stop laughing. They laughed until the tears started rolling down their cheeks. The next movie was a horror film. Each girl clung to the nearest guy with terror as the audience roared with laughter. The last film was a romantic film. Enough said.

At the end of the show, a few of the contestants were given post-hypnotic suggestions. The suggestions were triggered when Taubman would say a certain word. One student said he absolutely loved the show, then would instantly change to hating it and he expressed it in such lovely terms. Other student, male I might add, went into labor in the middle of the stage.

Tu B 'Shvat

FACTOIDS ON FAITH

According to the Mishnah, there are four New Years in the Jewish calander. The 15th of Shvat is the New Year for trees (Tu B' Shvat). The holiday typically falls between mid-January and mid-February. The holiday is celebrated by planting trees in Israel (making donations to Israel for tree planting) and by having a seder with fruits and vegetables that are indigenous to Israel. Typical foods are olives, dates, figs, grapes, pomengranates, apples, walnuts, carob fruit, pears, cherries, sunflower seeds, and peanuts. The seder is suppose to include the drinking of four-glasses of wine as well.

Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding of Muhlenberg College
http://www.ijcu.org

In The Mood For Love?
Then Read This Week's... MAC Events

Feb 8th, The Card Guy, 11a-2p & 4p-7p, Seeger's Lobby

Feb 9th, "Shumi", 9p-10:30p, Red Door
Latino Dance-Concert, 10p-2a, Garden Room
f/ Dj Baby J (from The Volcano Night Club)

Feb 10th, WINTERFEST
The Donson Project, 8p-??, Red Door
M-4 Motion Simulator, 9p-3a, Seeger's Lobby

Feb 13th, Hartley & Tripple Threat, 7p-9p, Underground

Feb 14th, Chocolate Dipping, 2p-6p, Seeger's Lobby
Dave Binder, 9p, Red Door

Want to get involved?
MAC meets on Wed's @ 5pm in the Red Door

Horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries 3/21 · 4/19
Change is not always a bad thing! This week you are going to face a situation, which can only be changed by altering a routine aspect of your life. You will initially feel very insecure and possibly a little frightened by this change in you life. However, it is important to remember if things always remained the same you would have no room to grow as a person. So think of this alteration as a way by which you can become a more well-rounded individual!

Taurus 4/20 · 5/20
When it rains it pours! Recently it seems as if all of the problems (both large and small) that a person could possibly think of, have been falling directly into your lap. Well, it is now time to drop your pessimistic attitude. This weekend you will see your problems practically disappear. Until this time, try to find a positive aspect in every negative thing that happens. This will not only keep you busy, but it will also help to provide you with a more optimistic attitude!

Gemini 5/21 · 6/21
You have an important assignment due in a very short amount of time. As a result of your hectic schedule you have been thinking about saving this project until the last minute. However, you should know that this week the stars are aligned in a way that places the Gemini in an unlucky position. Before waiting until the last minute to complete your assignment, you should ask yourself whether or not you mind receiving a poor grade. If the answer is, "yes, I do mind" then I would get to work immediately!

Cancer 6/22 · 7/22
Your passive attitude has often placed you in difficult situations. You have become known to both those who are and who aren't your friends as the person who will never say "no." Despite the fact that you often feel as if you are being kind and polite by always helping people out, there are times when you have to put your foot down. This weekend will be one of those times. When an acquaintance asks you to help them with something that doesn't agree with you, simply tell them that you can't.

Leo 7/23 · 8/22
Your laid back attitude has helped you float through life without ever getting too stressed out or upset. Unfortunately, your relaxed attitude is not a part of everyone's personality. Therefore, a friend is going to desperately need your help this week. They are going to need you to calm them down, and show them that nothing is quite as bad as they believe it to be.

Virgo 8/23 · 9/22
You have been feeling very unsure of your abilities this week. You have also doubted whether or not your major is leading to the career that you want to pursue when you graduate from college. This weekend, take some time to think about why you have been feeling unsure of whether or not you are on the correct career path. I do believe that you will find that your insecurity is simply a result of a fear of the future. This fear is perfectly normal!

Libra 9/23 · 10/22
There is a wonderful surprise in store for you this week! You have been inundated with work and are longing for something positive to happen to you. Now it is time for you to sit back and relax; however, it is important not to become so relaxed that you neglect all of your responsibilities.

Scorpio 10/23 · 11/21
You have worked hard this week and now it is time to relax and enjoy yourself! Appreciate this leisurely time while you have it, because as the semester progresses, the amount of work you are going to have to complete will increase.

Sagittarius 11/22 · 12/21
You have been looking for the love of your life, but you have not yet found them. This week, try to look a little closer to home. Instead of searching for the perfect person in random places and among unfamiliar people, try getting to know your friends better. These buddies with whom you have spent good and bad times with may turn out to be better friends than you had once thought.

Capricorn 12/22 · 1/19
Your stubbornness will come in handy this week. Stick to your guns when someone tries to intimidate you from taking a big step that would positively alter your life; however, don't be angry at this person. They may be trying to prevent you from enriching your life, because they simply envy your abilities. Instead, do what your heart tells you to and simply shrug off the not-so-good advice from your friend.

Aquarius 1/20 · 2/18
Your friends always tell you that you never take chances, and that you always do things that you know will help you succeed. You hate to tell them that they are right, but in your heart you know that their advice is true. So, this week think about signing up for a sport that you wouldn't normally play, or hang out with some people who aren't part of your normal circle of friends.

Pisces 2/29 · 3/20
You have been finding that your hard work in school has not been paying off. The problem is that you are working too hard; you are not taking enough healthy breaks. Of course, studying is important, but relax every once in a while. You will find that relaxation will help you with your schoolwork.

Young had them roaring

Comedy at the Red Door

BY DONNA MILIANO AND RYAN KERIAN
Weekly Staff Writers

Comedian Tim Young, previously featured on MTV and Comedy Central, appeared at the Red Door on Friday Night before a large crowd of fun loving Muhlenberg students. Young was introduced by the controversial host of the new MCTV "This Show," junior Dave Basner, who announced that he had to meet with Ken Lupole regarding the taping of one of his shows. Basner asked for student support of this segment, and insinuated that he would be airing the show, despite the controversial cloud surrounding it.

Young's act began shortly after 9 p.m., and he entertained his audience with improvised comedy, including jokes about the decorations in the Red Door and Allentown's cultural high society, while also including several members of the audience in his punch lines. Muhlenberg student Rob Pepper amused Young with his own comedic prowess, including a humorous story about his adventures with a cellular phone. Young also recommended that people in the audience avoid nude beaches, for while good in theory, they tend to lack the excitement one would think. Also included in the act was a description of Young's extremely hairy father and redneck family, as he explained that he grew up in rural Virginia among the vast trailer parks. Several overly humored students could not control their laughter, even at Young's more timid jokes, and added a distinct atmosphere to the show. He extended his empathy for every student who has ever had an eccentric or annoying roommate by describing his freshman roommate. Junior Ari Ascher voiced a colorful rendition of the problems he has encountered with his roommate, much to the enjoyment of the audience. Everyone was disappointed to see Young leave the stage, for his sharp and witty humor was well received and therefore a good time was had by all.

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Monday, Feb. 12, Muhlenberg will be holding a Condom Day to celebrate the week. The Counseling Center and the Ribbon Project are working together in hope of providing the school with information on safe sex, STDs and condom use. A booth will be set up on the upper level of Seegers Union containing free condoms and pamphlets available to all students.

Jared Pasternak, President of the Ribbon Project, says, "This is the first year the College is stepping out to promote condom use and distribution." He and Anita Kelly, Associate Director of Counseling Services, are working together to increase awareness around campus. By distributing condoms, Pasternak feels that they will be providing a service to the students. He and the Ribbon Project hope to expand upon this idea in the coming months as they attempt to begin a program that will make condoms available to the student body in a variety of places in addition to the Health Center, which is currently the only place they are available. Pasternak hopes to encourage campus RAs to participate in this program by offering condoms outside of their doors. This will offer confidentiality and will hopefully give students a chance to participate in safer sex. The Allentown Health Bureau will provide the condoms.

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Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Michael Billet

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The XFL, a joint venture between NBC and the WWF, kicked off its inaugural season this past Saturday as the Las Vegas Outlaws journeyed to Giants Stadium to face the New York/New Jersey Hitmen. The Outlaws clobbered the Hitmen, 19-0. The XFL differs from the NFL in a number of ways. The most substantial difference is that there are no fair catches and only the winning team gets paid for their effort in the XFL. The losing team gets nothing.

The 2001 Pro Bowl was the final game of the 2000-01 season. The AFC beat the NFC 38-17. Rich Gannon was named MVP; as he completed 12 of 14 completions for 160 yards, and had two touchdown passes.

The NHL All-Star Game was the highest scoring All-Star game in NHL history. The North Americans beat the World, 14-12. This game marked the return of Mario Lemieux in an all star game since he retired two seasons ago. Although Lemieux scored one goal and had one assist, the MVP Award went to Boston Bruin Bill Guerin. Guerin scored three goals and had two assists in a winning effort. The US trio of Guerin, Tony Amonte and Doug Wright combined for six goals and seven assists in this high scoring duel.

Davis Love III won this year's Pebble Beach Pro-Am. Love played the first seven holes eight under par, making six birdies and an eagle on his way to a 63 and a one shot victory over Vijay Singh. Phil Mickelson placed third with a score of 13 under par, while golf phenomenon Tiger Woods finished in eighth place with a score of eight under.

Men's b-ball gets revenge

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ture the narrow, hard-fought victory.

Lesko, the 6'7" junior from Scranton, led the offensive explosion with 25 points and 9 rebounds. Sophomore Holden worked inside the paint for 17 points while Michael Barletta rounded out the trio with 16 points. However, the key to the game was the offensive distribution, for the inside efforts of Lesko and Holden enabled Barletta to free up for several key outside shots.

"The big factor for us offensively was distributing the ball," Holden explained. "We needed to get everyone involved by working the ball both inside and out. Coach always stresses that to us each day."

The victory enables the Mules to remain in second place in the Centennial Conference's Eastern division while improving their overall record to 10-10 heading into this weekend's Winterfest match up against Washington (Md.). The Mules will need a victory to remain in the playoff hunt because only the top two teams from each division qualify for the postseason.

"We really need to win these next three games to get into the postseason and have a shot at winning the East," Barletta emphasized. If the Mules win all the games, they are in the postseason. Additionally, a loss by Ursinus will put the Mules in a tie for first place. Interestingly enough, the Mules square off against Ursinus in the regular season finale.

For now, the Mules can relish in the fact that their victory virtually eliminated Johns Hopkins from postseason play while improving their own chances. The victory gave Muhlenberg the sweet taste of victory as well as the satisfaction of achieving revenge against their long time rivals.

"The revenge factor was huge," Holden exclaimed. "We haven't won against them in a long time. We were definitely fired up."

Track continues past record-breaking success

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

Laura Roth and Katrina Beck broke two school records and Joshua Boyer and Josh Cohen qualified for the ECAC Championships, as the track team competed in two non-scoring meets this past weekend.

The Moravian Greyhound Field Challenge was held on Friday, Feb. 2 and East Stroudsburg's Deschriver Invitational was held on Sunday, Feb. 4.

In Friday's non-scoring meet, Boyer '04 placed fourth in the long jump with a 20-6½ while Alex Johansen '04 placed sixth with an 18-10¾. Boyer also placed second in the triple jump with a 42-4, earning him his ECAC qualification. Eric Rhoades '03 placed fifth in the same event with a 32-5. David Jones '02 placed fifth in the shot with a 42-0. The Mules took second and third in the pole vault with Jason App '03 placing second with a 12-9½ and Matt Frye '04 placing third with an 11-9¾.

The Greyhound Field Challenge was very important to the team because it involved only field events. No track events took place. This gave the field team a good chance to practice and prepare for the upcoming championships.

When Boyer was asked about his personal performance on Friday he stated, "I thought it was really good. I owe it all to Coach Hackett."

On Sunday's meet at East Stroudburg, senior Roth placed fifth in the mile with a school record time of 5:26.87. Beck '01 placed third in the high jump with a 5-4, tying the school record she already set. Freshman Cohen earned his qualification with a 1:09.10 in the 500 meters.

The Deschriver Invitational proved important "because I think it was the first time we realized we can compete against Division I schools. It really sets us up well for the championship when we compete against the weaker Division III schools," said Roth.

The Mules travel to Bucknell for the second time this season to compete in their Winter Classic on Friday, Feb. 10. Last week at Bucknell they broke six school records.

Womens basketball suffers tough defeat at the hand of Johns Hopkins

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules suffered a tough 54-39 defeat against Centennial Conference powerhouse Johns Hopkins last Saturday.

Hopkins leads the Conference's West division while the Mules remain in second place in the East division. The Mules' overall record is still above .500 at 11-9 and their Conference record is 7-4.

The team fell behind Hopkins early, allowing the Blue Jays to score ten unanswered points at the onset of the game. The Mules never recovered.

They did tighten their defense after the start of the game and held Hopkins to a 34% field goal percentage.

Offensively, however, the Mules shot worse than Johns Hopkins. Muhlenberg managed to shoot only 31% from the field and 32% from the free throw line.

The Mules pulled within five points, 29-24, three minutes into the second half, but then Hopkins went on a 16-6 run.

None of the Mules' players reached double-digit scoring. Senior Jessica Drennan and Junior Jenn Risley each had eight points to lead Muhlenberg's offense. Drennan added four rebounds and three steals.

Team Captain Drennan said that the team was "very disappointed with the loss against Hopkins." She explained, "We didn't play as well as we had during the past week. We didn't capitalize on their mistakes and we just couldn't put anything together."

With the loss against Hopkins, the Mules are all but eliminated from winning the Centennial Conference East title, which they have captured for the last five years.

Drennan said, "We're disappointed we didn't win the East," and added, "We can't take anyone lightly now."

The Mules face Washington (Md.) on Saturday in the fourth annual WinterFest game. The Mules faced Washington less than a month ago and defeated the Shorewomen by nine points in a tough battle. The Shorewomen are winless in Allentown.

The Mules also bring a seven-game home winning streak into the game and are looking for much needed crowd support to encourage them to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Drennan says the game against Washington is important to the Mules in terms of building confidence.

The Mules' remaining two home games, Feb. 10 and 14, are key battles for the Mules if they hope to make the playoffs.

The team faces Swarthmore on Valentine's Day at 6:00 p.m. at home in Memorial Hall.

This final home contest is "a big game for the whole team, but especially the seniors," commented Drennan, who added that this is probably the last game the seniors will play in Memorial Hall.

The Garnet currently lead the Centennial Conference East Division and while the Mules cannot overtake them, they hope to play strong against Swarthmore to gain momentum heading into the playoffs. As things look now, the Mules could have to trek to Baltimore again to face Johns Hopkins in the first round of the postseason.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Lindsay St. Lawrence shoots the lay-up. She managed to add four points to the Mules' total 39.

Profile of a Mule

Love, commitment and skill are one and the same for Strachan

BY COURTNEY RUSSELL
Weekly Sports Writer

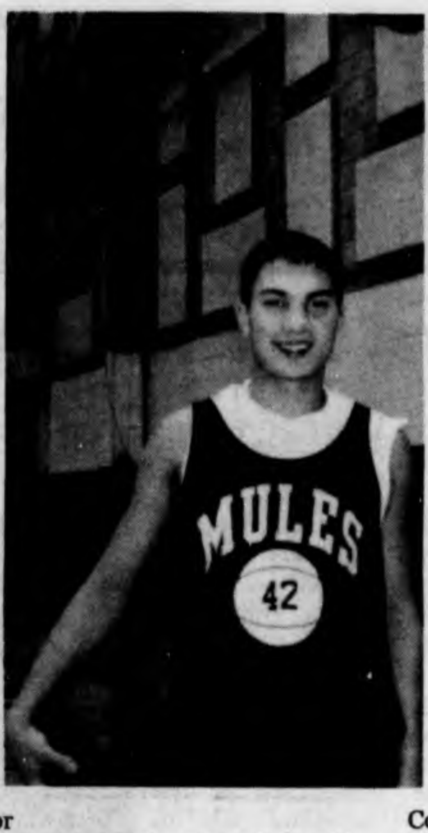
Anthony Strachan began playing the role of a leader during his junior year on the high school basketball team. Since then, he has carried with him the qualities that make him a well-balanced person on the court and in everyday life.

Strachan's love of basketball began in third grade when his father, who played the sport in college, suggested that he join some type of organized team. This activity stayed with him for many years to come, and was an enormous part of his life at Shawnee High School in Southern NJ.

Upon entering 9th grade, Strachan joined a basketball team that reached great heights. They were ranked 15th in the nation, so he and his teammates went up against some pretty tough competition. Such talented opponents helped Strachan work on his skills and become an even better player.

Taking an advantage of a great opportunity, Strachan was the captain of his team in both his junior and senior years of high school.

He commented, "the younger guys always looked up to me. It was a big responsibility, but I enjoyed it." This dedication impacted many facets of his life. "Not only did I have guys on the team seeing me as a role model but I also have two younger brothers and a sister who looked to me while growing up. Being a leader has affected my attitude in sports and also in other areas, such as with my family and in school."



Coming to Muhlenberg was not a difficult decision for Strachan. Coach Madeira came to watch him play while still in high school, where the two developed a relationship. They remained in close contact. Strachan came for overnight visits and also had lunch with some of the players. He decided that without a doubt Muhlenberg and its basketball program were right for him. Strachan came to Muhlenberg with much enthusiasm for the school and to be the best player he could be.

At 6'4", Strachan is now considered to be one of the tallest guards in the Centennial Conference. He says that this is definitely a great benefit to him and his teammates. "I usually have the smaller guys guarding me, which makes playing easier."

This and other advantages are definitely working to the team's favor. Muhlenberg is currently second in the East Division of the Centennial Conference, only trailing one game behind Ursinus.

In order to make it to the playoffs, Strachan notes that the team "has to work really hard. We have to play unselfishly and keep playing as a team. We also need to focus on our defense being strong. Everyone on the team is very positive and we all believe that we have the ability to make it to the playoffs."

As for the future, Strachan believes that "it would be a great honor to be captain sometime, especially on a college level."

For now, he and his teammates will continue to commit themselves to the sport, with the constant games, running, lifting, and other forms of conditioning found in each of their schedules. With this much work, he and the men's basketball team will be met with success and all of their efforts will pay off as the next several games are played. Strachan and the rest of the team go up against Washington (Md.) Saturday at 5 p.m.

Wrestling goes to championship

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McLean and Cathey won their matches for Muhlenberg. Cathey's major 9-0 decision over Brendon Bailey gave Cathey his third win of the day and improved his record this season to an impressive 15-0. Holsinger's pin of Kevin Hines in 4:11 gave him his 32nd win of the season, and extended his winning streak to 20 matches in a row.

The Mules are finished with their Centennial Conference schedule, and they now have only two non-conference meets leading up the conference tournament. The Mules will face Messiah on the road Feb. 9, and then wrestle at Elizabethtown with Baptist Bible on Feb. 10. The Mules head to Gettysburg on Feb. 17, where they will have the opportunity to become Centennial Conference champions. They last held the championship in 1995. To win it again, they will have to face all their conference foes one last time. However, according to Cathey, the team has a positive outlook on their current situation.

"We are expecting to win the entire thing. Anything else would be a let down," proclaims Cathey.

WinterFest IV Preview

The fourth annual Winterfest is scheduled to take place this Sat, Feb. 10.

There are three back-to-back games

Alumni game at 1:00.

Men's game at 3:00.

Women's game at 5:00.

Both teams will face Washington (Md.)

Admission is FREE!

The first 500 people to enter Memorial Hall will recieve door prizes from Pepsi, Just Born, Kraft Foods, Keystone Health, Williams Communications, Independent Graphics, WNBA, Dubbs Company, and Service Electric.

Other Prizes have been donated by the Wood Company, AAA, Dorney Park, Pip's at the Allentown Hilton, Civic Theatre, Yocco's, Philadelphia Phillies, State Theatre, the Allentown Ambassadors and Pennsylvania Valley Dawgs.

The Berg's Memorial Hall will join the likes of University of Kansas' Allen Field House and Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium on www.ncaabasketball.net. Memorial Hall will be able to be seen as snapshots or as an interactive 360 degree image.

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Other Activities include a canine frisbee exhibition, and an Ugly Sneaker Contest sponsored by Sneaker Zone. Gift certificates of $50, $25, and $10 will be given to the people that walk in with the ugliest sneakers. Prizes will also be give to the most spirited fan and group. The winner will recieve $100 and a coupon for 10 pizzas from Picasso Pizza.

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Wrestling wins Centennial Conference dual meet championship

Mules expect to win upcoming Conference tournament

BY JUSTIN DEUTSCH
Weekly Sports Writer

Junior Tyler Cathey's 9-4 win in the final bout clinched the Mules 21-15 win over Ursinus and gave the Mules the Centennial Conference Dual Meet Championship for the first time since 1994.

The Mules started out strong, grabbing an early 15-6 lead. Junior Bill Holsinger (149) and Sophomores Nate Yeasted (133) and Joe Salerno (157) recorded early victories to get the Mules on a roll on as they were victorious in four out of the first five bouts. In this early run, Senior Jason McLean (141) came back from an 8-0 defiict to get a 15-12 come from behind win over Ursinus' Josh Moyer.

After two straight Ursinus victories, the Mules countered when Freshman Brendan Barrett (184) defeated Mark Rodkey 9-4. Ursinus then followed with another victory to keep the match close. Going into the final bout of the contest, the heavyweight match between Cathey and Lou DiStefano, the Mules held a slim 18-15 lead over the Bears. Cathey's 9-4 decision over DiStefano clinched the Centennial Conference dual meet championship.

"I fully expected to win. I beat him last year and I also knew that my match played a crucial role in determining the outcome of the dual meet," says Cathey. Cathey's crucial win not only clinched the championship, but also left the Mules with a perfect Centennial Conference season record of 5-0.

Coming off their big victory over Ursinus, the Mules had their final home appearance of the season against three non-conference opponents, Lycoming, Hunter and York. The Mules won only one of the three meets on the day. In the first match, the Mules went up against Lycoming College, the sixth ranked team in the Division III Wrestling Coaches Poll. The Warriors defeated the Mules 34-9. Lycoming dominated the contest, winning eight out of ten matches. Only Cathey and Holsinger won.

The Mules rebounded by defeating Hunter 35-11, giving the Hawks their eighth straight loss. Seniors Dan Ochoa (184) and John Slokovitz (197), Salerno (165), Freshman David Brown (149), and Cathey and Holsinger all won their matches. Justin Bohl '04 (174) was also victorious, picking up his first collegiate win in defeating Hunter's Roger Sarrabo, 13-0.

In the third and final meet of the day, the Mules lost to York. It was the second time that these teams have met this season. In early November, York finished in first place at the Monarch Invitational and the Mules came in third. On Saturday, York defeated the Mules 27-13. Holsinger,

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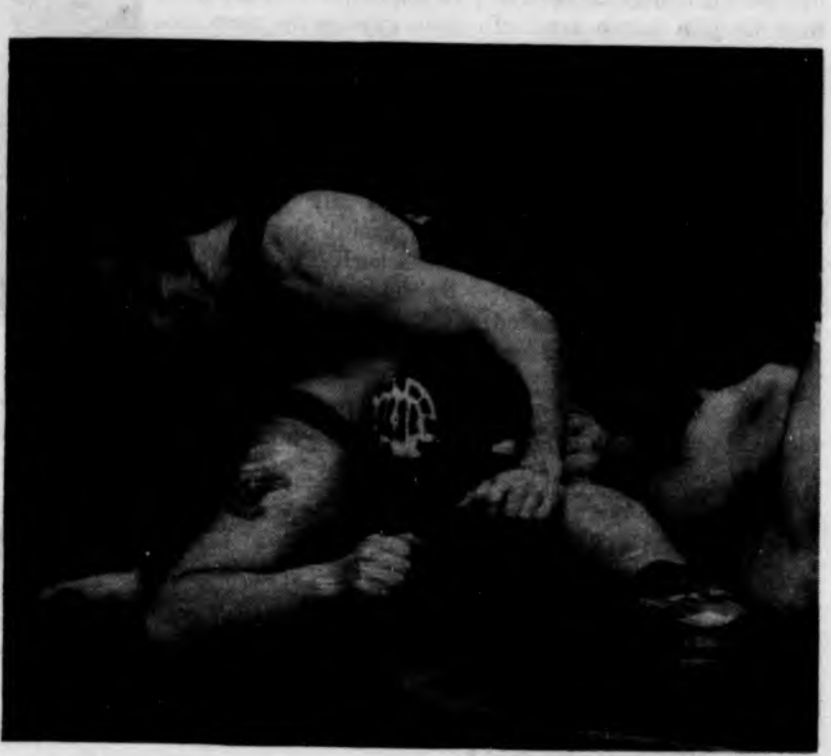

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Junior Tyler Cathey wins by decision his fifteenth straight match, giving the Mules their victory over Ursinus. Cathey remains undefeated in the Centennial Conference and is ranked eighth in the Division III Coaches Poll.

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Men's basketball gets revenge on Hopkins for last year's defeat

79-76 win knocks Blue Jays from playoff contention

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Junior Michael Barletta racked up 16 points in Saturday's close defeat of Johns Hopkins.

BY MIKE HOGENTOGLER
Weekly Sports Writer

Behind the trio of Mark Lesko, Michael Barletta, and Aaron Holden, the visiting Mules defeated Johns Hopkins 79-76 and gained the much sought after revenge against their long time Centennial Conference rival. The victory marked the first win for Muhlenberg in this rivalry since a narrow two-point decision in the 1998 Conference playoffs.

Before Saturday night, the men's basketball team had put forth many a futile effort against Johns Hopkins. Over the last seven years, the Mules have lost four straight, including nine of the last eleven. But this year, the Mules had other thoughts in mind.

"Revenge was definitely a huge factor," stressed Barletta. "We had to get them back for eliminating us from the playoffs last year."

Going into the game, Head Coach Dave Madeira stressed spreading the ball around offensively and trying to pound the ball inside while maintaining the outside threat. Statistically, the Mules are 8-3 when three or more players score in double figures and 1-6 in other contests. Lesko, Barletta, and Holden took that statistic to heart and exploded offensively while spreading the ball around the court.

"It is important that we play together," Barletta said. "We need to work the ball into the post and spread it around outside the arc. The more players we have score in double figures, the better our offense plays."

Despite an evenly played first half, the Mules found themselves trailing 49-41 early in the second half. Yet the inside combination of Lesko and Holden proved to be too much for the home team as they constantly worked the ball into the post, wearing down the Johns Hopkins frontcourt. With 3:48 remaining, junior Barletta sank two free throws to put the Mules on top for good, 70-69. The Mules hung tough down the stretch, allowing them to cap-

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Shuttle's future lies with Council, not Dean

Committee to be expanded

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

Student Council will now control all operations of the Weekend Shuttle, which transports almost 100 students each weekend to and from movie theaters, grocery stores and the mall.

In a discussion at last week's Council meeting, they decided to take the administrative and behind-the-scenes work away from the Dean of Students Office. A student shuttle committee will now control the shuttle, including payroll, daily activities, scheduling, and driver and van coordinating. Both Student Council members and non-members will comprise the committee, led by Council Recording Secretary Josh Brookstein and sophomore class president Jay Dombi.

There has been high demand for the shuttle; 870 students rode last semester.

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The Perkulators perform at Winterfest Saturday. Photo by Scott Swartz

In revived museum, a bear that won't roar

By Nina Forsberg
Weekly Staff Writer

A polar bear with black gums pulled back in a growl, standing on two paws, and an equally massive sidekick bear are the greeting committee for Trainer Museum, located in the walkway between Shankweiler and Trumbower.

A little out of place in Pennsylvania, they permanently snarl here with the same menacing poses and features they bore when first donated to the school around 1920. At that time, the standing one was the largest mounted in that fashion. Carl Oplinger, professor of biology, presumes they are likely the prize kills from an Alaskan hunting expedition.

These century-old bears are just two of the large game animals which Pocono Industrialist, Colonel Neuweiler's widow donated to the College. A common hobby for the affluent at the time, Neuweiler traveled far and wide to hunt large game animals, and had some stuffed and others made into trophy heads.

Neuweiler's widow did not know what to do with the bear-pair. In addition, caribou, moose, and elk heads were also cluttering her Pocono lodge. So, she was eager to donate them when she heard that the College was beginning an animal collection.

A biology professor at the time had arranged for a number of mounted bird specimens from England to be displayed in Trumbower. Because of today's international treaties, present day collection of many of these specimens is now prohibited.

In the early 1900s, there were no such restrictions. That is why so many unique and now irreplaceable specimens have found their way to the College.

In 1970, when Shankweiler was to be built, it was decided that these collections could be displayed together in a museum.

Lacking a curator, the displays are permanent and do not get touched up. "Ideally, it would be lovely to hire a part time curator, someone with artistic skills and capabilities." Says Dr. Oplinger, and other faculty members join in his opinion.

That, however, has always been seen as a luxury because of other more pressing departmental needs. Oplinger believes that if there was a curator, the Trainer Museum could function much like the Martin Art Gallery in the Baker Center for the Arts.

The museum is used in

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After 8 years, Begbie moves to plant ops

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Seegers Union was quiet early Monday morning—at least until Susan Fredericks yelled across the lobby at her former boss.

"Dick, we need you!" she called.

Dick Begbie, adjusting the lights above the study tables in the lobby, distractedly responded: "No, you don't."

It was no doubt a typical moment in the transfer of power that landed Glenn Gerchman, a newcomer to the College, in the director's position of Seegers Union and moved Dick Begbie to plant operations.

Begbie had been the director of Seegers Union for over eight years and took a job as the Assistant Director of Plant Operations.

That left Gerchman in a position where he has to learn the conventions of the College and all the activity that surrounds his office.

"An enormous amount of

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College secures Guster for March date

Bid in for Jimmy Fallon

By Lauren Jacobs
Weekly Staff Writer

After its first bid fell through last semester, the College has secured Guster to perform on campus March 25.

When the college put the bid in and didn't get Guster, they kept pushing because the students have been saying for the past two years that the band should perform here. According to Becky Grace, Guster is not an easy band to get to play on college campuses.

"We are one of two schools in the area to get Guster to play on our campus, and the only school our size to host them. They will be performing here and at Penn State," said Grace.

Guster is not the first big-name band to come here to play.

In past years, the College has hosted The Wallflowers, Blues Traveler and, last year, Smashmouth.

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Dance review

The faculty choreographed dance concert was held last week and included seven pieces, ranging from classical ballet to jazz-tap. It is reviewed on page 9.

Winterfest victory

The men's basketball team defeated Washington (Md.) 89 to 83 at Winterfest. Page 16.

Fire equipment

With Cedar Crest, the College purchased a thermal imaging camera for the Allentown Fire Department. Page 6.

The Weekly Review

Elections for Student Body President quickly approach and, as usual, there is little talk or energy among students, and hardly any energy among students who are not in Council. This could largely be due to the fact that nobody really cares about Student Council unless they're asking for money -- a fact that disturbed some members of Council when they saw it in The Weekly last week, but nonetheless remains a fact just the same.

We're not sure if they're surprised at such disinterest-but there are a few steps Council should take if it wants to improve its image. It starts with the election of the student body president.

The Weekly has long put pictures and platforms of candidates on its front page immediately before the election, but this will happen no more. Candidates for office will have to actually earn student attention this time.

One way they can do that is by answering, loud and clear, this question: How will our lives, as students, be the better for Student Council's activities? Further, the platforms have long lacked clear-cut process by which the respective candidates' campaign promises will be achieved. That, of course, excludes the standard, and stale, "I will work my hardest and try my best." With all due respect, from the track record of past presidents, this statement has clearly moved from a pragmatic assessment to one bordering on the normative. Thus, another question, which must be answered by the candidate, is: How will these activities, and other goals, be achieved?

We implore the candidates not to answer in vague, abstract terms like "increase communication" and "improve representation." We want to hear action plans, policy directives and means to achieve the various ends. We want to hear that Council will sure-footedly lobby the administration to allow sophomores to get parking passes. We want to hear that Council will advocate the changes our new Seegers Union Director proposes in terms of speedy and efficient room reservations. We want to hear that the student body president will run an efficient, professional meeting. We want to hear that the president will set an example of production, efficiency, professionalism and discipline for the other representatives.

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Along with the above mentioned, we'd also like to hear some creativity. We're getting a little tired of the I-will-work-to-improve-the-food-and-preserve-the-green-space mantra that we usually grudgingly report on this time of year.

We would love nothing more than to hear the candidates for student body president say something utterly and completely original-something we haven't heard before. And moreover, how these unique proposals will be put into place.

FROM THE SOAPBOX

PRISCILLA BEGIN

Coffee talk, now with exploitation

The line in front of Java Joe's stretches 5 or 6 people long, and the flow of students rushing in and out of GQ with their cardboard cups remains steady throughout the morning. The driving force behind all this activity is the juice from a small bean grown in the tropics... coffee. How much is really known about the cup or two of coffee downed in a drowsy stupor every morning? Well, at GQ a cup of coffee costs $.95, cappuccino $1.50 and at Java Joe's a more deluxe mocha can cost upwards of $3.00. But what does coffee truly cost? What is the material process and human sacrifice that goes into that morning cup of coffee?

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Coffee is the second most valuable export in the world, inferior only to oil. Grown in the developing areas of the globe, like Columbia, Ethiopia and Costa Rica, coffee is grown on a tree and harvested by workers who receive less than a dollar a day for their toils. An environmentally damaging process, coffee production entails high levels of fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides, sprayed on the coffee trees by the same workers who now unknowingly put themselves at risk for cancer and other diseases. Once the toxic levels of chemicals are sprayed on the coffee trees, the excess drains into the nearest stream or river, increasing the mineral and nutrient content of the water promoting algae growth and starving the fish of essential oxygen.

But alas, this is not the end of the degradation caused by the ecologically-destructive-consumer-driven-overly-wasteful coffee production process. Coffee beans are encased in a fleshy berry, which must be removed, and in turn dumped into the same river, to retrieve the coffee bean. In addition to ravaging the rivers and streams in these tropical areas, in the early 1990's the United States government, in its infinite wisdom, decided to finance a tree cutting program in Central America, Columbia and the Caribbean to increase coffee production and farmer profits. As a result, the diversity of the bird population in Columbia declined by a staggering 95%. So here is the true price of coffee. Fish in these devastated streams drown because of the lack of oxygen, 95% of the birds in Columbia die as a result of a dwindling habitat and workers put themselves at risk for debilitating diseases at the cost of less than a dollar a day.

Those with social consciences must feel the tug of their heartstrings at this point. What can be done by the coffee drinkers of the world to provide better homes and lives for all of these creatures, humans and animals alike? Stop drinking coffee? No, that is not necessary, plus the addiction is too strong to combat in many people. Mount a noble campaign and send hundreds of dollars in relief money to

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Letters to The Editor

To The Editor:

Leafing through this college publication this week I came upon a section of the paper with the title: "Global Warming; Do we regulate it, or let it regulate us?" Understood in the Op/Ed section of the February 8 of that week's Weekly "discourse" is the "fact" that global warming is actually occurring. The radical environmentalist's ideas that the planet is in the gravest of dangers from melting ice caps, dying animals, and severe drought and heat spreading all over the world are embraced with open arms. Granted, we live on a college campus, where it is both hip and cool to attach oneself to all sorts of issues so as to appear caring and aware, so I should not be terribly surprised to see a total lack of actual discourse, but I was. Thank the Lord, however, that the college campus is not a microcosm for the rest of the nation. I contend that there is no consensus among scientists as to the causes, the effects, or even the existence of any such anomaly known as
global warming.

David Rosenstraus writes that in the last century, "global temperatures have risen between .45 and .6 degrees Celsius." There is a reason why the time period of a century is given. The most comprehensive data sets on the global temperature show that in the last 60

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To The Editor:

I read the article concerning Macintosh users being left out at Muhlenberg College, and I felt it necessary to correct some misconceptions put forth by OIT. Bob Mahar is either misinformed, or is not keeping up-to-date with current technology.

First, let me outline my background. I am a member of the class of '89 (B.S. - Comp Sci). While attending classes, I frequently dialed into an HP3000 unix server from my old Macintosh 128K system to complete programming assignments. I have been employed by the same company since December, '89, servicing the publishing industry. This company services clients with a mixture of Macintoshes, PC's running various flavors of Windows, Sun Solaris systems, SCO Unix, DEC VMS, and Linux, and has been doing so since before I started. Connecting a Macintosh to a network consists of the following steps: Plug the ethernet cable into the ethernet port on the Mac, either assign an IP address, or click on the DHCP option, and you are on the network. This is not as difficult as Mr. Mahar would have you believe.

The issue now becomes one of how to communicate with the PC's and/or mainframes at Muhlenberg. This can be accomplished in two ways: 1) Install the Services for Macintosh package on the Windows side. This comes as part of the server installation and should be on one of the disks they have in-house. 2) Direct the students to application packages (like DAVE) which not only can view and access Windows shared drives and printers, but can also share the Mac's drive(s) on the Windows network as a shared volume.

Programs like Word and Excel are multi-platform. The only problems

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Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: U.S. as International Policeman

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Weekly's biased approach to dealing with the topic of global warming

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years, the average temperature has not moved even one one-thousandth of a degree. All of this proported change in global temperature takes place before the explosion of industry, automobiles, and people after World War II. In the last sixty years, not even the most infinitesimal change in temperature can be observed. If the assertions of the greens have merit, this would certainly not be the case.

In the neyer-ending quest for the expansion of their power base, radical environmentalists have unleashed a flurry of lobbyists and protesters on Washington DC. The 1997 Kyoto Treaty, one of the most lobbied events in history, was a multinational treaty on reducing the emissions of the so-called "greenhouse gasses." This treaty was not ratified because it was useless and impotent. China and India, numbers one and two in population and pinned as some of the worst polluters in the world were to be exempt from the treaty's guidelines. More than forty percent of the world population would not be held accountable for the same things that you and I would. This treaty was foolish, and would have spelled disaster for thousands of Americans in the manufacturing and software industries, and done virtually nothing to stop any significant change in global emissions.

By creating red herrings like global warming, environmentalists seek to increase their power and influence over the the nation. ·Power, in the form of money and influence, in the Federal Government is finite; thus there is a constant internal struggle for funds and exposure. Since the 1960s radical leftists have purposely scared the mainstream into supporting them and their policy.

In his book, Earth in the Balance, Al Gore named the internal combustion engine as the greatest danger to the planet, for which he cares so much. However, when campaigning in Michigan he made no mention of any environmental policies, or his ideas to gradually phase out these engines. Why is this? In Michigan they make their living manufacturing these killer contraptions.

Al Gore is an environmentalist only when he is preaching to the radical leftists. When he has to talk to the average American there is a marked change in his message. Mainstream America does not support these wild policies. By labeling anyone who disagrees with them as ignorant and dangerous, an atmosphere reminiscent of McCarthyism has been created. Listen to those who disagree with his article. There was no discourse, as was evidenced by the mockery of a debate in the Feb. 8 edition of this publication.

For every expert who says the polar ice caps are melting, another will say they are not. By reading the New York Times or the Washington Post, no person can get a balanced picture of the environmental issues we face today. The major media has an agenda; there is no doubt. Look outside the mainstream. Those who would take a statistic from Greenpeace at its face value would scoff at a number commissioned by the National Rifle Association.

If this paper approaches an issue such as Global Warming, it cannot do so with preconceived notions about its existence.

- Keith Mann, '01

Don't ignore Macs

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that occur during file sharing are related to incompatible versions (newer versions not being able to open files saved with an earlier version and vice versa), or Mac users forgetting to attach the correct extension on the file name. These issues are very easily addressed. Also, Mr. Mahar may not be aware that the majority of graphic artists prefer Macs, because they spend less time configuring the machine and more time creating on it.

As far as access to the internet, the company I work for has a Linux box for a web server, and a file server running NT. I work on a G3 Macintosh, and can access the internet, check email, and transfer images and files bewteen Mac and PC users with minimal problems. Supporting Macs requires fewer people, and most of those questions can be answered online by various Mac support newsgroups. I won't even go into the issue of virus problems. Networking heterogenious systems is not the problem many make it out to be. MacOS, Wintel an Unix/Linux system can cohabitate and cooperate. Macs may be the minority in the computer world, but a minority of 26,000,000 users cannot, and should not, be ignored.

- Gary M. Schall '89

The real price of coffee

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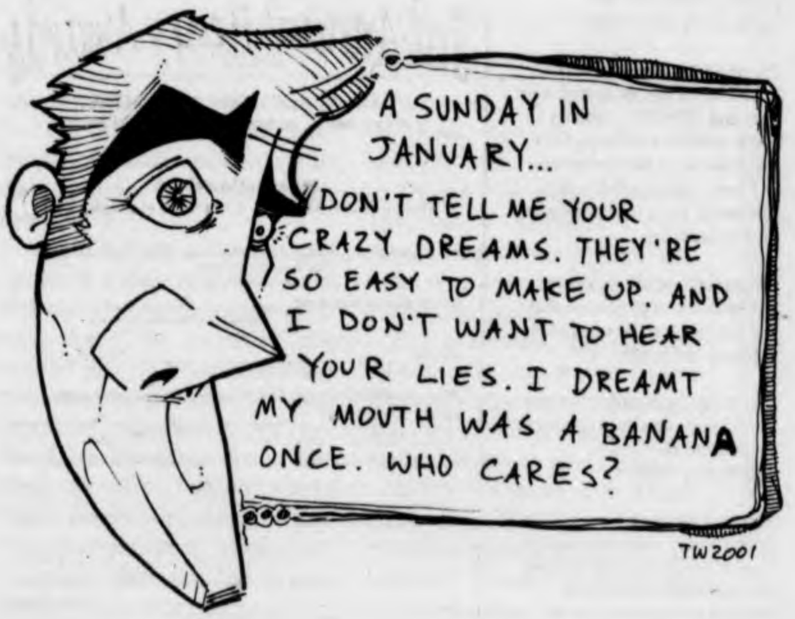
the starving coffee farmers? Possible, but part of the answer is closer to home. It is called "fair trade" coffee. Offered at our very own Java Joe's right here on campus, "fair trade" coffee is the easiest way to support cleaner, more humane and ecologically safe growing practices. Although a bit higher in price, "fair trade" coffee ensures that each laborer who toils on a coffee plantation every day is paid a living wage, and is also more environmentally beneficial because most "fair trade" coffee is grown under the auspices of a watchful conservation association.

The time for even the smallest action has arrived. The true consequences of our over-consumptive attitudes must be acknowledged and combated. So what is the actual price of coffee? Ninety-five cents? A dollar fifty? Three twenty-five? The real price of coffee is the 95% of the bird population that has been decimated by the clear cut forests in Columbia, the workers who earn less than livable wages and the possible disease and environmental destruction caused by the pesticides and extensive irrigation. The drowning fish, dying birds and at risk humans can be aided by a tiny change in our daily routine. "Fair trade" coffee is hardly the answer to the world's environmental and human rights problems, but is one small way to consciously make a difference.

Weekly response to Keith Mann's letter

The Weekly chose Global Warming as the topic for last week's Discourse section because we thought it would get multiple, well-informed responses. However, as usual, we did not receive any articles, and therefore had to find writers. This is usually the case, so we weren't bothered by it. However, we were rather distressed when Keith Mann criticized the topic of Global Warming, because he was given a chance to defend his position when we advertised the discourse topic, two weeks ago. We respect his opinion; after all, this is the OP/ED section. But the fact that he chose not to express it in the first place is reason enough for us to dismiss it. We advertise the following week's discourse topics for a reason. We hope that in the future, if the subject matter grabs someone's attention, that they will take the liberty and responsibility to express it, and preferably not a week later.


A SUNDAY IN JANUARY...
DON'T TELL ME YOUR CRAZY DREAMS. THEY'RE SO EASY TO MAKE UP. AND I DON'T WANT TO HEAR YOUR LIES. I DREAMT MY MOUTH WAS A BANANA ONCE. WHO CARES?
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Weekly Discourse: Cloning

Scientific progress, or altering nature?

Dr. Denise Woodworth Wallack
Weekly Columnist

Three weeks ago, it was announced that the world will clone its first baby in the next year or two. The goal is to offer the procedure only to infertile couples as a new method for producing biological offspring in order to add to the arsenal of in vitro fertilization and fertility drugs which have mixed results. The announcement of the plan to clone a human has again stirred debate with criticism coming from all realms of society, including fellow scientists as well as members of the general public. What are the arguments against cloning, and do the arguments have merit?

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Thinking first about medical issues, there is a question of how safe it is to clone a human being. Because clones are produced from adult cells which have been subjected to years of environmental abuse, there is an increased risk of mutations in the DNA of these cells, at an earlier age than in a normal birth. These mutations could cause diseases like cancer or genetic diseases or birth defects. Are these complications worth the risk, or should they be enough to stop researchers from continuing their efforts? Cloning proponents argue that the potential benefits of cloning are important enough to make it worth having some failures early on as the technology develops.

Moving away from medical and scientific concerns to consider social and philosophical concerns, there are two popular fears about cloning. The first, commonly articulated by religious opponents of cloning, condemns cloning as "playing God" or "messing with God's plan". One could counter that religious argument by suggesting that it is, in fact, God that has allowed humans to get to this point in our technology where it is appearing to be scientifically possible to clone human beings. In that case, God actually wants cloning to happen as an alternative method of reproduction, therefore it is a part of God's plan and not something that should be forbidden. In considering the idea that the scientist would be taking on the role of God, there are still limitations on what a human can control, so the scientist could never truly assume the role of God.

A second fear is that cloning would be used to alter the structure of society by creating a new breed of "perfect" human beings. This is the argument of eugenics, often compared to the ideas of Hitler. This idea can develop into an image of armies of clones taking over the world. This might truly be the goal of a person cloning individuals, but there are some problems with the realization of the goal. One is that for each clone to be produced, there must be a mother that carries the baby. Each mother's womb would be a little different, resulting in environmental differences for the clones. Then each infant would have to mature into an adult, and during that development would be exposed to more environmental changes. On top of that, there are random mutations introduced daily that would differ from individual to individual. These realities would mean two things. First, the clones would not all be exactly the same and would be unlikely to reach the level of perfection suggested. Second, there would be a long lag in time between producing the clone and actually having a result. Because of these difficulties, it is likely that cloning would be reduced to an alternate method of reproduction for couples suffering infertility, and it may not have any advantages to current methods, causing it to be used infrequently, if at all.

The cloning debate will continue, and eventually someone will clone a human. Only then will we truly be able to see what ramifications truly occur, and then rules can be put into place to limit the applications of the technology.

Nicholas Bianco
Weekly Columnist

I am sure that by now all of you have heard of cloning, science's greatest achievement and man's greatest sin. Utterances of science's newfound ability to control humankind's DNA, the blueprint for the body, brings a cringe to even those with the strongest stomachs and greatest scientific curiosity. Will our new technology revolutionize society and medicine as we know it, or will it usher in the end of human civilization? At the very least will cloning be the end of human identity, of human spirit, of our very souls? This is a difficult question not so easily tackled.

> *will cloning be the end of human identity, of human spirit, of our very souls?*

Modern trends in biology seem to suggest that while DNA provides a blueprint for the organism, much of an organism's identity is subject to environmental variations at critical developmental times. These variations could be so great as to determine whether or not a developing fetus survives or dies, or whether a child may develop one cow-lick instead of two.

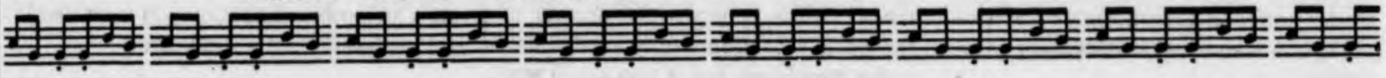
Many psychologists believe that our personalities are determined as much through sociological influences as they are physiological influences. As we have established already, these physiological influences are determined largely through genetics, but also markedly through environmental contributors. This is most strongly evidenced by identical twin studies of all sorts that have shown marked personality discrepancies due to the sociological environment in which the child was raised. The determinants of our identity seem to be much more involved than the assortment of nucleotides in DNA as there appear to be environmental and sociological influences. So the question remains, are we more than complicated robots? Do we possess free will? The question we should be asking is, "Do humans possess a soul?" For if we have a soul, then we have nothing to fear, for its what's inside that counts, not these external veneers. If we believe in souls, than our personality is and remains uniquely our own with or without human cloning. So, is our identity at stake with the advent of cloning? The true question remains "how much do each of us conceive it to be already?"

Across religions there is a fairly consistent trend to separate the spiritual realm from the physical. No matter what is done to the body, the soul cannot be impacted by anything save the actions of ourselves on this plain. This is all we have to take comfort that our souls will not be lost by the advent of human cloning.

3rd Annual Henry Awards

YOUR VOTE COUNTS

The Henry Awards, named after Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, have been created to honor College Community Members for their outstanding service, dedication, and commitment.



AWARD DESCRIPTIONS:

People's Choice for Student Leader: Given to an outstanding member of the student body who redefines the role of a college student. Throughout his/her entire college career, he/she has participated in organizations and leadership positions, as well as supported campus and community events.

People's Choice for Administration: Given to a member/group of the administration who actively participates in sustaining student, staff, campus, and community relations.

People's Choice for Faculty: Given to a member of the faculty who works both in and out of the classroom to maintain student/faculty relationships.

People's Choice for Support Staff: Awarded to a Muhlenberg staff member, other than administrators and faculty members, who give outstanding service and devotion to the students.

Published Writer of the Year: Given to the student who has shown outstanding literary or journalistic ability for an on campus publication.

Unsung Hero: Given to the student that demonstrates a consistent, unselfish commitment and dedication toward achieving the goals of his/her organization and the college, without regard for public recognition.

Esprit de Corps: Given to a student who inspires others to feel enthusiasm, devotion, and a strong regard for the honor of their organization and the college.

Rookie of the Year: This first-year student has truly made a place for him/herself on campus by contributing the most to the Class of 2004.

The Trailblazer Award: Given to the student that develops innovative and creative solutions to successfully overcome challenges and obstacles within his/her organization.

Programmer of the Year: Given to a student who has contributed the most to planning events for the Muhlenberg community.

Event of the Year: This organization has dedicated their time and efforts to planning an event which received positive reactions from the community. In a year where social issues abounded, such events become vital to students.

Organization of the Year: Given to the organization that has contributed the most to the college community.

The Helping Hand: Given to the student who has contributed the most to the area of community service.

Musical Performance of the Year: Awarded to the student/student group who has demonstrated outstanding musical ability over the past year.

Female Athlete of the Year

Male Athlete of the Year

3rd Annual Henry Awards

Saturday April 21, 2001 Memorial Hall
40+ presenters, performances, and special guests!

Nomination Form
Due by Friday, March 2. Extra forms at Seegers Desk!

I, ______________________________
your name & class year

would like to nominate ______________________
nominee's name and class year

for the ______________________ Award.

Why should this person be considered for this particular HENRY AWARD? ______________________

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Feel free to nominate as many people as you wish. Drop off forms at Seegers Desk or Student Life Office by March 2.

As Begbie explores new domain, Gerchman catches up

Glen Gerchman, in the background, works in his new office. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

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activity happens on this campus," he said. He wants to be able to consolidate the work that goes into arranging for that activity in order to make Seegers run more efficiently.

Indeed, if history is any guide, it may just happen quickly. In an 11-month stint as director of the student union at Cedar Crest College, Gerchman quickly transferred that college's union activities from paper-and-pencil activities into an integrated computer package.

"I turned their operation around using new technology and new organizational skills."

Glenn Gerchman
Director of Seegers Union

"We were working manually out of a series of books," he said, almost laughing at the notion.

Here, before a student can make a room reservation in Seegers, he or she must contact the office to check the availability of a room, make a tentative reservation, fill out required paperwork, and get final verification from the Seegers office, which would then notify the appropriate "support services" (dining, or plant operations, for example).

In Gerchman's eyes, this is a travesty. "There seems to be some redundancy here," he said. With the computer program he used at Cedar Crest, a student making a reservation would be able to check a room's availability, fill out the forms, and make a tentative reservation all in one step—and would even receive an e-mail verification once the whole thing is done.

"I turned their operation around using new technology and new organizational skills," he said.

But he was careful not to imply that a similar change is in the near future here. "I would like to see us move in the direction of this technology," he said.

Begbie said that the computer software would allow students to make reservations and to plan events "without stepping over each other."

During the new director's interview process, Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students, was receptive to such ideas, Gerchman said.

He said that the existing system was appropriate to the College's size eight years ago, but "we've outgrown the systems that are in place now."

Begbie agrees that there have been significant changes that affect the position.

"Well, absolutely there are more students," Begbie commented. "That in itself is going to make a tremendous difference."

With the additional students, Begbie said, there also came an increase in involvement in student activities. Eight years ago, the student activities office wasn't a remnant of what it is today and the food service was antiquated.

Students ate at high school-like cafeterias and the snack bar was "so miniscule so as to be inoperable." But now, General's Quarters is open later hours and the "marketplace theme" has far improved the main dining areas, Begbie said.

The situation in Seegers now is partly College President Arthur Taylor's vision and Begbie's project, Begbie claimed.

"For Glenn, he's walking into a nine-year background of events," Begbie said. "There's a learning curve that he's going through. Files will only teach you so much."

Begbie has a similar task ahead of him. His position was created recently because the new building and renovations projects have added work plant operations.

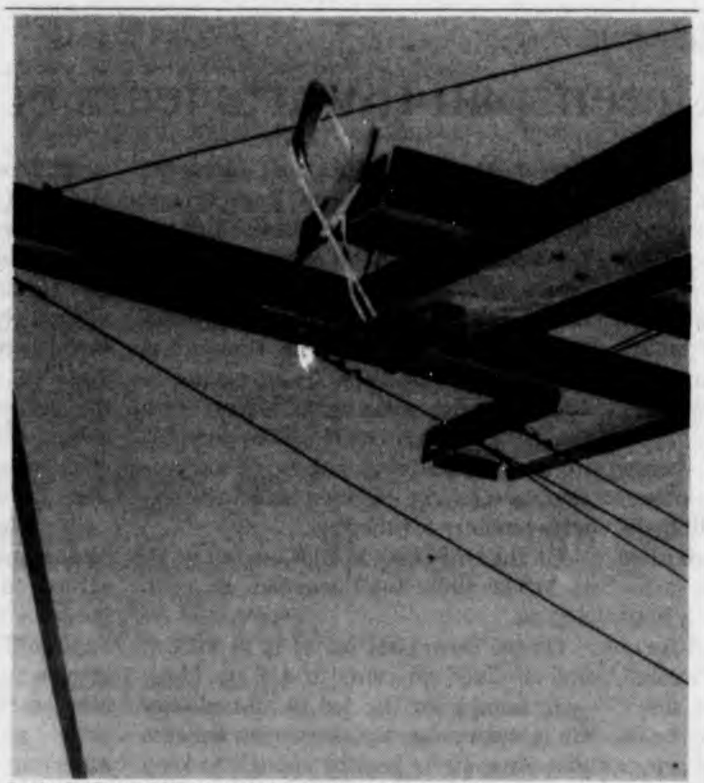
Now, Mike Brewer, director of plant operations, concentrates on the capital projects—the additions to Seegers and the Life Sports Center, renovations in the Commons and the construction of two residence halls by Benfer—while Begbie works mostly supervising day-to-day operations.

"It really is a full-time job trying to keep track of long-term projects that are going on," Begbie said.

Most of what he's doing is similar to what he has done in the past. At his Seegers post, Begbie worked with interim renovations and upkeep. Now, he just has to shift his focus and learn the technical aspect of his job.

"What I'm learning is the nitty gritty of which building has electric heat, which building has oil heat and what to do when some building has no heat," Begbie said.

He said he's hesitant to leave Seegers. "When you've put in as many hours as I have into the development of a building, it can be difficult to step back from it," he commented.



A chair found its way into Victor's Lament. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

College secures Guster for March

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However, the Smashmouth concert was not as successful as it was expected to be. The College is hoping to see a difference from the low attendance rate at last year's event.

"Everyone's taste in music is different. Kids aren't going to spend $15 on a band that they don't want to see. Guster seems to be pretty popular and we are expecting tickets to sell out," said Grace.

As well as bringing Guster to campus, the College is also trying to bring comedians to perform also.

A bid has been placed for Saturday Night Live comedian Jimmy Fallon to perform March 29. They also tried to get Andy Dick, but it didn't work out.

"Comedians are usually big because everyone likes to laugh. When you bring in a band you never know because not everyone has the same taste in music," said Grace.

Even though there is always a fifty-fifty chance when bringing in a band, the student body seems to be pleased with Guster coming.

"I'm excited Guster is coming because you wouldn't think such a big band would come to Muhlenberg," said Freshman Ciara Sullivan.

Students won't have to wait much longer. Tickets go on sale exclusively to Muhlenberg students Feb. 19.

Tickets will be available in the Student Activity Office Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets go on sale to the public Feb. 26. The cost is $15 for Muhlenberg students, and $20 for the public and/or guests. Tickets are not available through Ticketmaster, though it was proposed.

"If we had gone through Ticketmaster students would have had to buy tickets there and the prices would have been higher," commented Grace.

"Being the only ones in the area to stage Guster, we want to draw in a lot of people. Kids should buy their tickets immediately because we want to sell out," Grace said.

OFF CAMPUS

Lower Macungie, Pa. -- Matthew Kush, 15, and Tommy Gray, 16, were killed in a car wreck Friday night that also badly injured 17-year-old driver Robert Barnum. The cause of the crash remains a mystery, as the car hit a tree broadside, killing the front-seat and back-seat passengers, but not the driver. Though final tests have not been concluded, there was no evidence of alcohol, officials on the scene have confirmed.

Bloomsburg, Pa. -- A district judge ordered Donald Keller Jr., 42, to wear a badge that reads, "Retail theif" whenever the convict enters a store. Keller has a history of shoplifting that dates to the 1970s and agreed to wear the button as a condition of his bail. Keller could not post his $20,000 bail (he awaits trial for stealing cigarettes, a charge that could land him seven years in prison) and agreed to wear the six-inch, brightly colored button.

Lehigh University -- Fraternity houses at Lehigh University in Bethlehem are in such disrepair that the university's president announced that the houses need about $2.5 million in repairs. The president said that the houses badly need rewiring and must be brought up to building codes; until they are, he said, the houses present a safety concern. According to an independent firm that reviewed the houses last year, the repairs are needed now because the fraternitites neglected to maintain their properties. In addition to this $2.5 million, five-year project, the University will install sprinkler systems into the houses at a cost of $2 million and will need to spend $250,000 each year to prevent necessary repairs in the future.

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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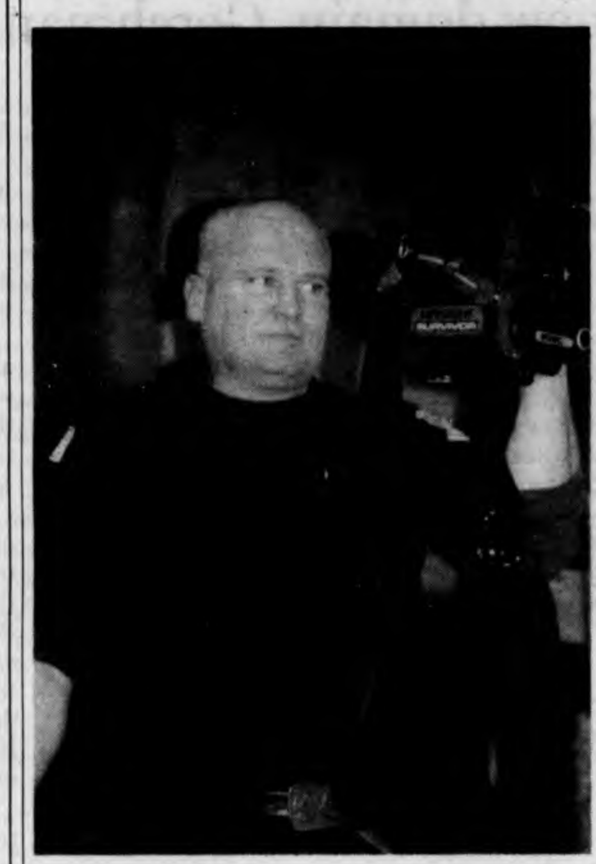
High: 45	High: 52	High: 40
Low: 36	Low: 35	Low: 21

With Cedar Crest, College buys city fire camera



Fred Scheirer, an Allentown firefighter demonstrates the thermal imaging camera.

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

By Allsion C. Curd
Life! Editor

In light of the recent tragedies at Seton Hall University and Bloomsburg University, Muhlenberg, in conjunction with Cedar Crest College, has purchased a new hand held camera for the Allentown Fire Department.

This new piece of imaging equipment allows firefighters to see through smoke.

The battery-operated camera is designed to be carried into a building under standard entrance procedures and will illuminate images through an in fared light.

The camera is similar to a pair of night vision goggles. The orange camera resembles a video camera and has an attached monitor. It weighs approximately ten pounds.

Vice President of Public Relations Mike Bruckner is very excited with the College's purchase.

Bruckner was present for a demonstration given by the fire department of the new camera.

"They smoked up an entire room and we were able to see beds and people." This new piece of equipment is the second camera of its kind in the city of Allentown. It has been placed near campus at the West End fire station at 22nd and Chew Streets.

According to Allentown Deputy Fire Chief Dan Sell, this camera is "a heavy duty piece of equipment that can survive the worst of conditions." The camera has been used in three fires thus far and has proved very helpful. "The camera will be at the scene of every future fire," according to firefighter Fred Scheirer. This new addition to the fire station will be able to detect body heat and images in heavily smoked-filled rooms. It will also be able to detect flames and will be able to lead firefighters to the core of the fire.

The camera's most important use will be for rescue purposes. Next, it will aid in fire detection, salvage and overhaul.

Also, it will be useful in displaying hot spots. The camera will not penetrate glass or mirrors.

The camera operator's image will be reflected in the monitor if pointed at glass or a mirror.

Ethics Center to sponsor Tibet forum

The Center for Ethics and Leadership will sponsor a forum on Tibet, using American ethnocentrism as a theme. Junior Will Elson and Marjorie Hass, director of the Center, organized the event.

"We don't usually hear China's side. We always hear about people supporting Tibet," Elson said. The discussion, he commented, is an effor to "combat ethnocentrism in America" which affects how Americans perceive the situation.

The lecture, which will be held in Trumbower 130 on Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. will be taped on MCTV.

Contributors to the discussion will include: Xiaojiang Hu, a Ph.D. candidate in sociology at Harvard, will discuss the impact of China's economic reform on Tibet; Ming Xia, Ph.D. in Political Science from Temple University is expert on the politics of China; Lobsang Sangay, of Harvard Law School, will discuss free Tibet radio shows; Robert Croskey, a history professor here, will discuss how America fits into the picture. The lecture will be moderated by Ronald Suleski, Ph.D. in Modern Chinese History, now on the faculty of the Asian studies institute at Harvard.

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

To Congress, Greenspan thwarts fears of recession

.Twice a year Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan stands before Congress in order to discuss the state of the nation's economy. On Tuesday he warned Congress that economic growth has slowed, signaling the risk of a recession in the coming months. The economy has slowed because consumer confidence has dropped, meaning that people aren't spending as freely as they once did.

As a result many businesses are being left with a great deal of unsold inventory. It is believed that Greenspan will again cut interest rates, but not for another month.

Luckily Greenspan never actually said that our economy is in or headed for a recession; rather he believes that we will emerge quickly from the current slowdown. An economy is considered to be in a recession after two consecutive quarters of negative growth. It is also believed that Greenspan will back President George W. Bush's $1.6 trillion tax cut. Experts hope that this cut will free up money so that the American people spend more and get the economy rolling. However, on Tuesday investors were not very excited with what Greenspan had to say, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 43.45 points to 10903.32 after crossing the 11,000 mark earlier in the day. The NASDAQ composite index shed 61.93 points, or 2.5 percent, to 2,427.73, taking it back into negative territory for the year.

On the NASDAQ, WorldCom fell $1.38 to $18.56 while Intel dropped $2.13 to $32.44.

On the Dow, IBM fell $1.15 to $113.75 and declined 56 cents to $58.19. Many were hoping for the fed to immediately cut interest rates, but Greenspan believes that economy is healthy enough to keep the central bank from cutting rates right away. Tuesday's losses mean that the NASDAQ is down 1.7 percent on the year but the Dow is 1.1 percent higher in 2001.

The slump in consumer confidence that Greenspan spoke of has many businesses worried including Oracle, the world's second largest software company. The CEO of Oracle Larry Ellison, who is the second richest man in the world behind Bill Gates, is afraid the weakened economy will lead to a decrease in software spending.

In other news, Citigroup's North American banking operation Citibank has agreed to acquire European American Bank for $1.6 billion, plus assumption of $350 million in preferred stock. The deal is expected to be finalized mid-2001. On Monday shares of Citigroup rose $1.40 to close at $55.45, while European American Bank's stock rose 44 cents to $24.64.

You can't hear this bear roar

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comparative anatomy classes that study some of the skeletons. Local children also make good use out of the museum, according to Oplinger.

Because the Allentown area lacks a Science museum, elementary teachers often use Trainer museum to teach their students about adaptations.

Kids from these classes can often be seen sitting in front of the boa constrictor, bobcats and pygmy chimpanzee, making sketches and taking notes.

Dan Klem, professor of biology, often takes some of the bird collection "on tour" to local elementary schools to help students visualize aspects of a scientist's study patterns.

Many of these "travelling" specimens are taken from the impressive collection in Shankweiler room 7.

Unknown to many non-biology students, on the walls of this room a cougar shows his teeth in a snarl, a Mountain Goat blankly stares, and there is a swordfish and a leatherback sea turtle.

An immature bald eagle spreads its wings, and a flamingo stands around the corner, to name just a few of the striking animals in that single room.

Klem uses these resources extensively in classes such as "Biology of Birds" and "Ornithology."

Until a situation arises which will allow for the initiative, time, and funding, it is likely that the specimen will remain where and as they are.

Though not all are on public display, the specimen of Trainer Museum and Shankweiler 7 are valued educational tools, according to Klem.

They are impressive in their very age and history, as well as the species they are representatives of.

Such an extensive collection would be very difficult to replicate today without a significant search and fundraising drive.

The polar bear in Trainer Museum. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

College to add phone boxes

After its annual review of safety and security on campus, the College will install telephone emergency call boxes in more locations, Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety, said.

There will definitely be call boxes installed outside Moyer Hall and in the back of the Baker Center for the Arts, he said.

Additionally, Student Council submitted 16 suggested locations for call boxes.

"We'd like to try to get at least five more," Lupole commented. "It just depends on how much money can become available."

The College also considered the space in the front circle. It will look at installing a phone box in front of Seegers Union

Additionally, Studen Council submitted a long lis of suggestions for new lights concentrating mainly on the area by the tennis courts and on the east side of campus.

It is a wish list that is not likely to be satisfied completely, as lighting is expensive.

"We really were talking about the west side of 23rd St. between Chew and Liberty," Lupole said, "and that's going to be a huge project."

Lupole said that he is considering putting cameras "especially in those 24-hour computer labs" in Ettinger and Moyer Halls. There is currently one video camera that monitors the inside of Trexler Library.

Shuttle future is with Council

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Council committed to establishing the Weekend Shuttle. "We're going to create a strong foundation for the Shuttle, so it will be easier to run in the future," said Brookstein. "The shuttle has been well run, but we want to [address] how can we do it better."

Last summer, Brookstein sent a letter to class of 2004 parents, asking them to pay $10 for an unlimited shuttle pass for the semester.

They received 240 pass requests, and the revenue has helped pay for shuttle costs, the cellular phones the drivers to use on the road, and paying the drivers.

Jane Schubert, Judicial Officer in the Dean of Students office, created the passes, and put together a packet of information and instruction for the drivers. She made sure drivers got paid, and was in charge of the shuttle's revenue and finances. These responsibilities will now be taken over by the student committee.

"The shuttle took away a lot of my time, but I was happy to help, and will always be there to help," said Schubert.

The shuttle has added a stop on its route to the bowling alley, will be offering a yearly pass, and is asking for faculty, staff and administration to volunteer to drive the Shuttle. "It's a great opportunity to see students out of their dorms, and find out what movie they are going to see," Schubert said.

As for the future of the Weekend Shuttle, Brookstein hopes that the service will be expanded to weeknights.

To alleviate concerns of lack of parking space on campus, he is also considering the addition of a shuttle service from off-campus living locations to main campus.

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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 6—Fire Safety Violation—There was tape over a lock in Benfer.

Feb. 6—Freshman with Auto—A freshman who got a ticket and paid it was cited for having an auto on campus.

Feb. 7—Forgery—A student forged a professor's signature on a document turned into the registrar's office.

Feb. 7—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off the alarm at 415 N. Leh St.

Feb. 7—Freshman with Auto—A freshman parked near the Trexler Library and got a ticket for having an auto on campus.

Feb. 7—Information—Campus Safety is investigating possible drug activity on campus.

Feb. 7—Injured Visitor—A visitor suffered a head injury in the Baker C.A.

Feb. 8—Injured Student—A student suffered a head injury at Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Feb. 8—Intoxicated Person—Paul Swedloff was arrested by the Allentown Police Department for intoxicated behavior on 23rd St. and Liberty St.

Feb. 8—Harassment by Communication—A student harassed a Walz student by phone.

Feb. 9—Assist Allentown Police Department—Kyle Sommers, 20, of 381 Schuylkill Mount Road, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and Justin Moyer, 20, of 220 Short Valley Road, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. was arrested for underage consumption of alcohol. Three students were referred to the Dean of Students for disorderly conduct.

Feb. 9—Hit and Run—A vehicle was hit while parked several feet from the curb on N. 22nd St.

Feb. 9—Vandalism to Vehicle—A scuff mark was discovered on a car's running board in the Seegers Union parking lot.

Feb. 9—Theft from Vehicle—A pack of cigarettes was stolen from a vehicle at 613 N. St. Elmo St.

Feb. 9—Harassment by Communication—By phone, a student harassed a Benfer resident. The offender was referred to the Dean.

Feb. 9—Theft of Service—A cellular telephone that was given to a Tremont Apartment resident at the beginning of the fall semester while phones were being set up is still missing. The phone has been shut off and Campus Safety is looking for the individual to whom the phone was assigned.

Feb. 9—Information—A mysterious odor hung in the air of the Trexler Pavillion. Campus Safety checked the roof and the surrounding area and could not locate the cause of the smell.

Feb. 9—Sick Student—A student had a bad reaction to Tylenol at Sigma Phi Epsilon and was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 10—Harassment—Two roommates fought in Walz and the matter was referred to Residential Services.

Feb. 10—Alcohol Violation—Nine students, all under 21, were referred to the Dean for an alcohol violation.

Feb. 10—Suspicious Activity—Students at Alpha Epsilon Pi were playing drinking games and were referred to the Dean.

Feb. 11—Arson—A student tried to set the call box in front of Prosser on fire with a homemade flame-thrower. The College plans to replace the box.

Feb. 12—Fire Alarm—Students cooking food set off a fire alarm in MacGregor.

Feb. 12—Alcohol Violation—Five students in Prosser were caught with alcohol and marijuana and were referred to the Dean.

Feb. 12—Vandalism—A chair in the Prosser computer lab was vandalized.

Feb. 12—Failure to Comply—An unregistered vehicle was found in the Seegers lot and was tracked to the front drive. The person was issued a citation.

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Off Duty: *Register for a smile*

By Allison C. Curd
Life! Editor

life! *on campus*

When students walk down the stairs in the admissions buildings to the Office of the Registrar to drop, add, or change their major, the friendly face of secretary Debbie Duryea greets them. This blond haired smiling face is greatly appreciated by many students, as changing a major or dropping a class can be a stressful.

Duryea hails from Lewisburg, Pa. She spent her childhood there until the age of 19 when she took off alone for Long Island.

Duryea began working as a psychiatric aide at a hospital, and it was there that she met husband Bruce. She enjoyed working for the hospital, and found much of her work fascinating. It was also very difficult, yet she worked her way up through the ranks and became a manager at the facility. She stayed for 6 ½ years before getting married and moving to the Lehigh Valley.

Here she became a teller at First National Bank of Allentown. She then became a sales assistant at Merrill Lynch. She stayed a year before being asked to branch off with three brokers to form a new firm. This new position proved to be very exciting and challenging. Eight years later, the new firm was taken over by another firm and Duryea began working in the Admissions Department at Muhlenberg.

Photo by Abbi Sharofsky

Several years later, she headed back into the brokerage business. It was during this time that she and her husband had two sons. Currently, her sons are ages 15 and 18. Last January, she heard of an opening in the office of the registrar and was eager to dive back into the work place.

Duryea enjoys her job a lot and feels that the best part of her job is her contact with people. She is students' first contact for registration. She loves seeing students every day and enjoys working in a college atmosphere.

In her spare time, Duryea finds relaxation by walking and playing tennis. She is also addicted to mystery novels and boasts Grisham and Ludlum among her favorite authors. "My 15-year-old son keeps me quite busy," says Duryea, because he is involved in so many activities in high school. She loves crocheting and frequently makes Afghans. It is an enjoyable activity that can be done while watching her favorite show, The West Wing.

The biggest influence on Duryea's life has been growing up with an identical twin. She and sister Donna have had a great deal of fun tricking their friends and families

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Don't miss 'This Show'

By Jessica G. Skrocki
Asst. Life! Editor

You've probably seen the signs up around campus – each advertisement for *This Show*, running exclusively on MCTV, offers its own unique handwritten message from the show's creator, Dave Basner. *This Show*, starring Basner and "investigative correspondent" Gabriel L. Nathan, premiered last semester and provided the viewer with a dose of laugh-out-loud comedy. The first episode was similar to Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, but focused specifically on Muhlenberg College, provided answers to questions such as if there really are bells in the bell tower (there aren't) and if it's as easy as one would think to find a squirrel (it isn't). Recurring features on the show are the "On The Spot" segments, where Basner and Nathan have fun with a video camera and a question ("Why are you wearing that shirt?" was asked to random people around campus). In a segment called

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All about the passion

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Asst. Life! Editor

life! *review*

Pointe shoes, board games, natural elements. Meeting Virginia, allegro ballet, Miles Davis, and not to mention Bloomsbury. Cohesive, imaginative, beautiful, symmetrical, and organized chaos are the images that come to mind when pondering the faculty choreographed dance concert held on February 8-10. The concert was held in the Empie Theatre, and was incredibly comprehensive. This concert was all about the passion.

Every dancer, in each piece, performed with style and a certain je ne sais quoi. Both dancer and choreographer knew exactly what he or she wanted to accomplish.

In *Woman Captured in a Frame*, choreographed by Karen Dearborn, artistic director of the college dancers, the images were very clear and had a Greek feel to them. Especially the opening and closing images of the

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Question of the Week: *What do you think of reality-based television?*

"I find it entertaining, but I question how close to reality it is. How many of us are ever going to be stuck on a desert island?"
-Greg Vorona, '03

"The truth is these shows aren't real. For a true taste of reality, you can watch the news."
-Jessica Wasilewski, '02

"I like *The Real World*, although in real life people don't follow you around with cameras."
-Scott Chester, '03

"I don't watch any because it isn't interesting. Reality doesn't make entertaining TV shows."
-Rachel Scheiner, '01

Crucible promises to be a success

BY MICHAEL GOLDSMITH
Associate Editor

Show opens next weekend, campus-only performance on Weds., Feb. 21

The fear of the unknown with the lack of support in the church during the seventeenth century is apparent in Arthur Miller's The Crucible. The Salem witch-hunts in 1692 are enacted throughout the performance for students. The impact of questionable faith in the church and the tyranny within the courts in Massachusetts at that time creates a real draw to the Baker Theatre. Francine Roussel, director of The Crucible, is bringing Arthur Miller's classic drama to the Baker Theatre at the Trexler Pavilion for Theatre and Dance. The performances will be Feb. 22–Feb. 25.

Miller's play revolves around the drama between the lack of faith in the church, the court and the women accused of witchcraft. John Proctor, played by sophomore Matt Kelley, is a farmer within the Massachusetts colony engulfed by the questioning of faith in the church and the powerful accusations of many unfaithful Salem citizens. His wife, Elizabeth Proctor, played by sophomore Kelly Howe, and her maid, Abigail Williams, played by Emily Abruzzi, create a great tension in the play, by showing the strong feelings that the times had on the people of Salem and the nation as a whole.

PHOTO BY JED BAKER

In addition to the Proctors and the Williams girl, senior Jarad Benn plays Rev. Parris who brings the faith of many townspeople to question in the courts during the hard times of the witch-hunts. Sophomore Tyler Ault plays Rev. Hale, the outsider of Salem bringing some faith and science to the courts. With humor from the cast members, The Crucible provides an array of emotions to the audience.

The play is moved by with the emotions of the Proctors and the injustice portrayed within the court systems of the seventeenth century. Students can look forward to the historical significance and the political interpretations shown throughout the dark confrontations of of Salem in the church and the courts.

In addition to the plot and its significance, the music and dance of the cast will enchant the audience, and take the onlooker back to Salem and the beginning of the separation of the church and state. The Crucible will have a campus-only performance on Wed., Feb. 22. The price for tickets is $5 for students. The box office has announced that the Friday, Saturday and Sunday performances are almost sold out.

'This Show' a hit

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"Dorm Room of the Show," Basner's own room took the cake last month.

What makes *This Show* more impressive is that the editing, a process which takes about 25 hours, is done entirely by Basner and Nathan. Basner, a communications and psychology double major, says that he took the course Fundamentals of Visual Communication just to be able to use the editing equipment, but ended up loving the class. The editing machine is not exactly up to par, but it may be replaced soon. "I'm a perfectionist," admits Basner, who would like the editing to be spotless so the show can look as good as possible. Even though he uses the school's equipment, he doesn't get academic credit for doing the show. "Not to sound corny, but I do it to bring enjoyment to people...I was put here to make people laugh," says Basner. And it works – the vast majority of people he's talked to have had positive responses, and he's had total strangers come up to him to compliment *This Show*. Of course, a few people who can't take a joke have gotten annoyed. For example, in On The Spot, a few people didn't want to answer the question and tried to ignore Basner. He laughs, "That only fuels me more! It makes for good TV." And it's good practice for the future. Basner says he may go into broadcast journalism or entertainment news.

Despite problems with editing equipment and the long hours required for production, Basner feels confident there will be more programs coming up. He feels it's worth it, because "it's cathartic, it's fun and it makes people laugh." In fact, the second episode airs on Thursday, Feb. 22, Friday, Feb. 23, and Saturday, Feb. 24, running continuously on MCTV from 4 to 10 p.m. each day. It's twice as long as the first, and will reveal the mysteries of Trexler Library. Follow Nathan in a journey through the Life Sports Center to get into shape, and answer a "somewhat raunchy" On The Spot question, among some other very entertaining segments. Also, if you missed the first episode, catch it Feb. 15 and 16, running from 6 to 10 p.m. each night.

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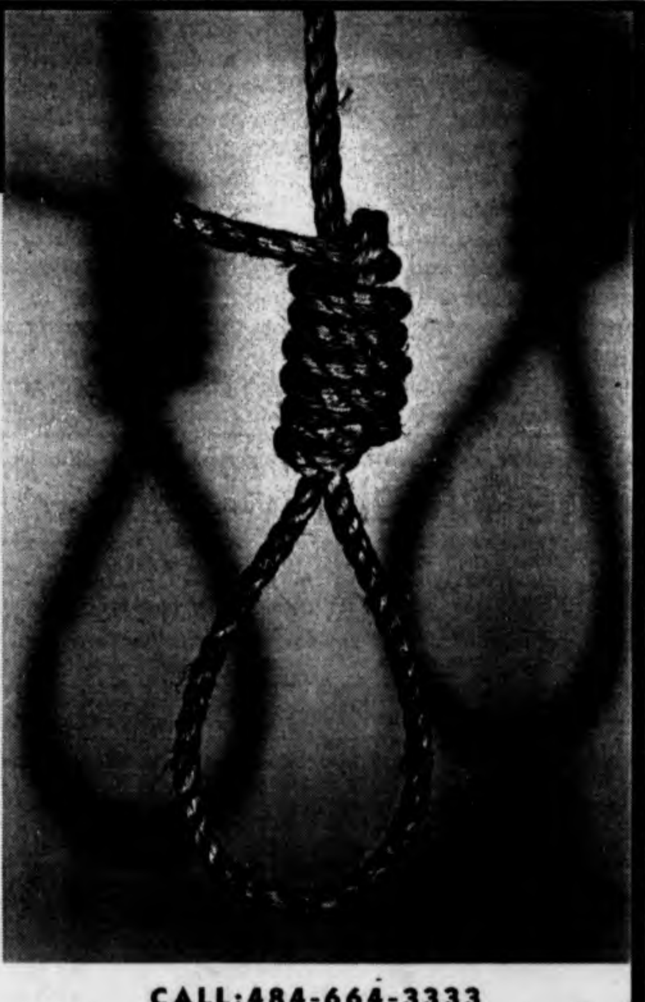

Smile

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over the years. Currently, Duryea is anticipating her trip to England with her husband in April. It will be her first time to Europe and she is very excited. Her future plans include staying here and then relocating down the Jersey Shore, one of her favorite places.

This friendly face is one of the most recognized around campus!

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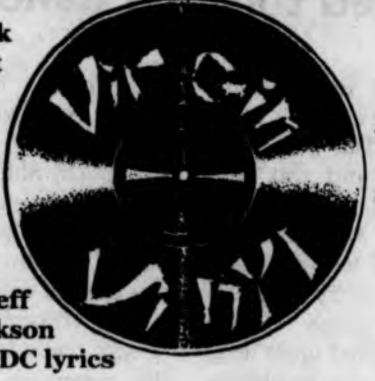

by Stephanie Clarke

So Dave Binder played covers in the Red Door last night. As far as I can project from the time I'm writing this, he didn't do any AC/DC. I can just see all the happy Valentine's Day couples swaying gently to "Thunderstruck." Seems unlikely, but Mark Kozelek, another king of covers, has been able to evoke something of just that sort. With nothing but an acoustic guitar, a drip of piano, and his own voice, Kozelek strips metal to its core.

"...I've been covering all these AC/DC songs from when Bon Scott was in the band. He wrote amazing lyrics! Nobody will ever know, but he wrote great lyrics....I'm excited about doing unlikely things, something that people have forgotten about or would never give a chance--just because they don't like the artist--and then make it something good, you know?" says Kozelek (amazon.com).

What makes Mark Kozelek different from your ordinary cover band is that he doesn't just cover the song, he recreates it. He peels the tune to its basic parts, allowing the lyrics a different texture on which to lie. By rebuilding it in his own gentle, unparalleled way, he evokes an entirely new sense of the song. "Straight-up rock songs more at home in stadiums are refitted to suit an intimate setting, often taking on a barely recognizable form" (popmatters.com).

Kozelek's cover innovations sprung from work with his band Red House Painters. They've been known to cover everything from Kiss to The Cars. But they're also original musicians in their own right. Kozelek released original solo songs on an EP last fall. More notably, however, you may have seen him in Cameron Crowe's acclaimed film *Almost Famous* where he played a bass player bent on teenage girls.

On his latest solo record, "What's Next To The Moon," Mark Kozelek features, exclusively, his collection of reworked AC/DC tunes. Even if you've never listened to or liked AC/DC, the albumis worth your while. Think Dave Binder with an attitude.

Friday & Sunday
Movie: "Nurse Betty"
7pm, Red Door

Friday
A Night Of Live Hip Hop
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9:30pm-2am, Garden Room

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11pm-2am, Red Door

Saturday
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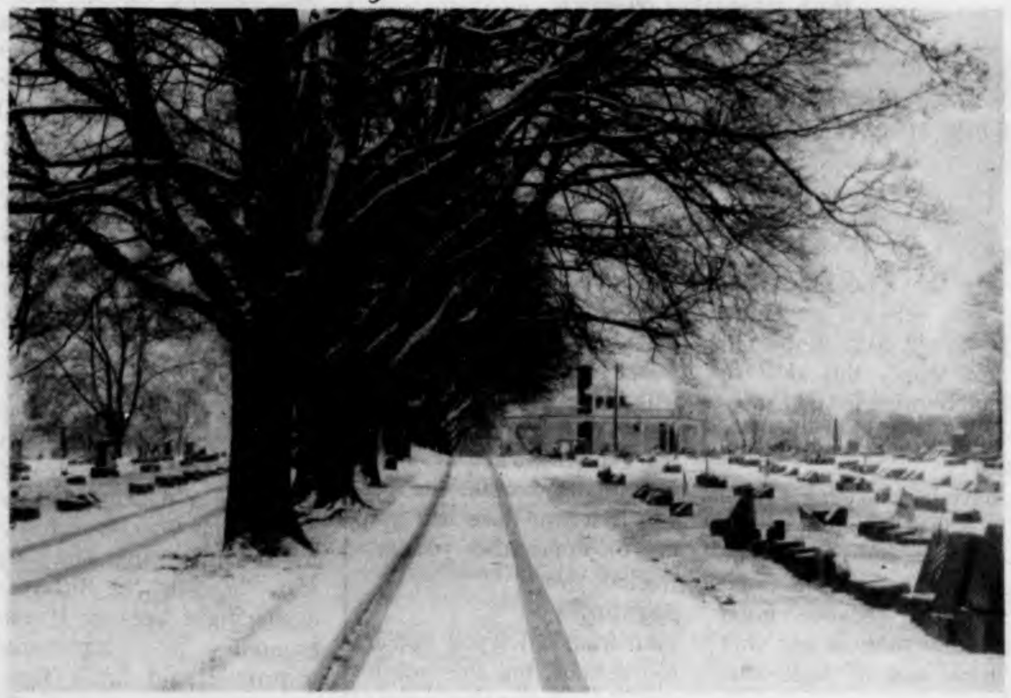
by Christian Drumm



SHUMI hits the Red Door

By Melissa Carrelli
Weekly Staff Writer

Four boys wearing skater clothes graced the stage. Out of the four, the drummer, Mike Fraclose, '04, attends Muhlenberg. The other three are his friends from his hometown in Ocean County, New Jersey: John Munroe, 16, on vocals, Conor McCarthy, 18, on guitar, Matt Cicalese, 16, on bass.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Based upon first impressions alone, before any chord had been struck or note had been sung, one could only guess at what kind of a sound they would have. However, for this band, it was and is not the case. Fraclose describes their sound as "progressive funk rock," which just about wraps it up into a neat description.

Once Munroe began to sing and the band began to play, the audience immediately became quiet. His voice was very powerful, dynamic and unique. On a more familiar level, his voice can be compared to the voices of Chris Robinson--lead singer of The Black Crowes, and Mark from the Broadway musical *Rent*. But, Munroe's vocal influences are Stevie Wonder, and Michael Jackson. Instrumentally, the band's influences are Incubus and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

SHUMI mostly played their own songs (most of them written by Cicalese), as well as a few cover songs. Other than their '70s funky and jazzy tunes, the play list also incorporated alternative rock and ska sounds.

A scene from *Perfect*, a 10-minute Black Box performance directed by Marie Ingrisano '03, and starring Nick Carriere '02, Erica Triano '02, and Alison Shipps '02. It runs Fri. and Sat. at 8 p.m., Sat. and 11:15 p.m., and Sun. at 2 p.m.

horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries
Don't sweat the small stuff this week! When things don't seem to go your way this week just let everything roll off your shoulders.

Taurus
You are the kind of person who can achieve anything when you put your mind to it. So, now apply this skill to your job hunting for this summer.

Gemini
You have been feeling a little guilty lately because everything in your life seems to be falling in place. Well don't feel guilty, because good things come to those who wait for them, and to those who work for them.

Cancer
You have been upset lately because you feel as if life is just passing you by. So, instead of sitting around and thinking about all of the once in alife time experiences that you are missing, you should get out there and live your life!

Leo
You have had an argument with a close friend. Cool down and then talk to your friend.

Virgo
Someone important has noticed one of your skills. Rather than feeling proud, you are embarrassed by this attention. People enjoy giving recognition where it is deserved. Try to set aside your modesty and accept the-attention.

Libra
Your hectic schedule gives you notime to relax, enjoy life and your friends. Try to clear your schedule this week and make some time for yourself and the things you haven't been able to do.

Scorpio
Don't be so certain that you will never find someone special! All the hype surrounding Valentine's Day often intimidates people. The person that you have had your eye on approaches you in a week or two.

Sagittarius
Your friends tell you you are too serious, but this puzzles you. Your desire to succeed at everything you do has made you a stressed-out individual. No one can be perfect at everything, so cheer up!

Capricorn
You have everything going for you, but you suffer a great deal from insecurity. You will be surprised that people are not nearly as critical of you as you are of yourself.

Aquarius
You have grown close toyour good friend and you want to be more than just friends be yourself and deal with it in a casual manner.

Pisces
You have been really stressed out lately because your good friends are in a fight. Don't take sides. Spend time with other people until this argument passes!

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Many emotions expressed through dance

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dancer's pointe shoes were very symbolic. Another interesting component of this piece was the use of sheer strips of multi-colored fabric to interact with. The actual woman [captured in a frame], Allison Clabaugh, was able to communicate the emotional nature of the piece effectively. Each dancer had a clear understanding of the passion to dance that this 'woman' had.

Travelin' Without a Clue, choreographed by Susan Creitz, kept the audience guessing. The innovative idea to create a dance from the board game *Clue* was refreshing and interesting. The piece was, "a little bit different every night because it was created by structured improve," said Emily Eger. Also, the music was original and made the dancers' movements adhere to the music. One question, where was Miss White? Creitz answered, that the costume designer felt that a dancer in white would have drawn too much attention and the audience would have thought the dancer was too important.

SUNdances, choreographed by Brad Parquette as rehearsed by Kim Maniscalco, was a gallant romp with the most jubilant natural element—the sun. "The free-spirited movements we danced helped us to immerse and allow ourselves to slip into the character of a child dancing freely in the sun," described dancer Ilana Blumenthal. This piece was light-hearted and was well choreographed.

Becoming Me was an incredibly well thought piece and brought every dancer's passion to the stage. On the surface, it touched upon drug addiction and the hardships of life, but with a closer look it captured the entire essence of the title. The chemistry between all the dancers was extraordinary and will be hard to recapture. One dancer, Sarah Wasserkrug, said, "It was great to work with choreographer Michelle Barber." She added, "This dance was different than any other dances that I have done. It was more of a challenge to learn and perform. It was an amazing experience."

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When comparing *Allegros Con Brio,* choreographed by Chérie Noble, and *Woman Captured in a Frame,* Kristin Goldrick commented, "Noble's choreography was set before she worked with the dancers, whereas Dearborn was very experimental as she went along." The pas de trois was technically sound, but the chemistry and cohesiveness were lacking. This was due to the fact that Thomas Bell, the male dancer, was a guest artist.

Miles, Miles, Miles, choreographed by Shelley Oliver had great music, enthusiasm, and pizzazz. This piece had wonderful audience appeal and was danced with extreme precision. Hillary Butler agreed, "I was really impressed with the precision and energy. This was a phenomenal piece."

The final piece, *Bloomsbury,* was a special engagement. It was free admission and was not recommended for children. "I didn't personally find *Bloomsbury* offensive, but I can understand how people did; however, I'm really glad the college did a piece like that because it is necessary to explore all types of dance and all meanings" said dancer Saladine Cannady. The nature of this piece dealt with a controversial topic but was well executed and provided thought-provoking images.

Precise, **A**esthetic, **S**ymbiotic, **S**izzling, **I**nnovative, **O**rganized, there's **N**o comparison that would measure up to this concert. **PASSION**. "This concert was the strongest I've seen in my four years at the college," said dancer Clara Ebersole. In the words of Pat McGee Band, "It was all about the passion."

Hip hop comes to the Garden Room

By Hartley Goldstein
Weekly Staff Writer

Things are going to get a little crazy tomorrow night in the Garden Room when underground hip hop's rawest crew, Jedi Mind Tricks, invades Muhlenberg as part of Hip Hop Night. The night will begin with a performance from Muhlenberg's own Triple Threat Crew featuring Aaron Holden, Raushan Person, Toomey, Hartley Goldstein, Scott Laughlin, and Alex Epstein.

Triple Threat has a few surprises in store for the crowd with their trademark blend of live instruments, beat boxing, lyrical battling, and DJing. One can be sure Triple Threat will be at their best, being that the entire crew feels inspiration from opening for one of hip hop's realist crews, Jedi Mind Tricks.

Jedi Mind Tricks is a Philly based group comprised of three members, Ikon the Hollagram, Jus Allah, and producer Stoupe. Their recently released album, *Violent By Design*, topped Spin Magazine's list of 2000's hottest underground hip hop releases. Each of its members exudes a confident persona, sometimes violent, but always injected with pure honesty and sentiment. Tracks like "I Against I" and the first single, "Heavenly Divine," will most definitely inspire still onlookers to start bobbing their heads.

The night will also feature performances by reputable MC's and Jedi Mind alliances, Rex and Virtuoso.

The event was organized and will be emceed by Matt Power-Koch and myself, inspired by Muhlenberg's positive response to hip hop and great turnout to Triple Threat's November show in The Red Door. While Guster may be the big show of the year for Muhlenberg students, Jedi Mind Tricks is the best-kept secret.

The show is on Friday at 9:30 p.m. in the Garden Room.

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Michael Billet

NBA: Allen Iverson was named MVP of the 2001 NBA all star game. Iverson scored 25 points with 15 coming in the final nine minutes. His performance ignited the East Squad as they made up a 21 point deficit to beat the West 111-110. The East started out terribly. They were down 11-0 by the first TV timeout. With 9:05 left to play, the West was up 95-74. Iverson and Dikembe Mutombo lead the East's comeback as Mutombo gathered a total of 22 rebounds in addition to Iverson 15 points. Iverson also lead the East team with five assists.

PGA: Phil Mickelson won the championship Sunday at the Buick Invitational. In a bizarre three-way playoff competition with Davis Love III and Frank Lickliter, Mickelson came out the winner although he ended with a double bogey. Love was eliminated from playoff competition on the second sudden death hole when he failed to save par from a plugged lie in the bunker on number 16. On the third playoff hole, Mickelson and Lickliter hit three tee shots before getting onto the green. In the end, Lickliter missed a three putt from 12 feet that would have sparked another playoff round. Instead Mickelson was named the winner. Tiger Woods extended his recent slump, as he has not won any of the past seven straight PGA events.

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XFL: In the first overtime game in league history, the L.A. Xtreme won their home opener 39-32 over the Chicago Enforcers. L.A. quarterback Tommy Maddox, a former UCLA quarterback, threw 65 passes, completing 38 for 412 yards and four touchdowns Saturday night. Maddox brought the Xtreme back from a 25-13 deficit with two fourth quarter scoring drives before capping his big homecoming with a 20 yard scoring pass to Darnell McDonald in the second overtime. The Xtreme evened their record to 1-1, while the Enforcers fell to 0-2.

NHL: Pittsburgh Penguin star and owner Mario Lemieux skipped a voluntary practice Monday due to back problems. Before his first retirement, Lemieux said he partially wanted to retire due to his back problems. He is receiving treatment and plans to play later this week.

Wrestling ends season with decisive wins

Have chance to bring home Conference championship

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

In their final meet of the season before the Centennial Conference championships, the Muhlenberg wrestling team secured victories against Elizabethtown and Baptist Bible. The two wins came following a loss earlier in the week to Messiah. The Mules completed their dual meet schedule with a final overall season record of 15-5.

The Mules began last week with a 26-18 loss to Messiah. This match was close throughout and it came to the final weight class before the winner was decided.

The Mules led early 6-0 as sophomore Nate Yeasted (133 pounds) and Senior Jason McLean (141) won their decisions. Messiah then came on strong and won the next five matches before the Mules ended the streak with a win by Senior John Slokovitz (197).

The match was decided by the outcome of the 125-pound weight class. Messiah's Jacob Clackett defeated Jed Wulfekotte (125) in 3:38 to give Messiah the win and to send the Mules to only their fifth loss of the season.

The Mules were able to regroup last Saturday with two big victories over non-conference foes. They began the day with a 36-18 win over Elizabethtown. After falling in the 125- weight class match, the Mules went on to win eight of the final nine matches. Sophomores Yeasted, Justin Bohl (184), Joe Salerno (157), and Juniors Bill Holsinger (149) and Tyler Cathey (HWT) won their decisions. Seniors Dan Ochoa (174) and McLean and Junior David Jenning (184) pinned their Blue Jay opponents for victories. Cathey's 4-0 victory over Josh Boyer gave Cathey his 17 dual meet win of the season, tying the school record for the best undefeated dual-meet record in a season at 17-0.

> *Holsinger became the Mules' all-time leader with 86 career wins... [and] set a school record with 22 wins in dual meets...*

The Mules also had an easy time against Baptist Bible, winning by a score of 36 to 16. They only were defeated in two weight classes. Holsinger made history when he pinned Matt Carpenter of Baptist Bible in only 41 seconds. With this victory, Holsinger became the Mules' all time leader with 86 career wins. At the same time, he set a school record with 22 wins in dual meets for the season with his pin of Carpenter.

The next contest for the Mules will be at the Centennial Conference Championships February 17 at Gettysburg. They will have the chance to become the 2001 CC champions.

During last season's' Centennial Conference Championships, held on Saturday, Feb. 19 2000, the Mules finished fourth.

Both Andy Faust and Tyler Cathey won their respective weight classes earning return trips to the NCAA Division III Championships.

Holsinger placed third in the 157 weight class to finish the season with 27 wins, one win short of the school record.

Through the Lens: Indoor Track

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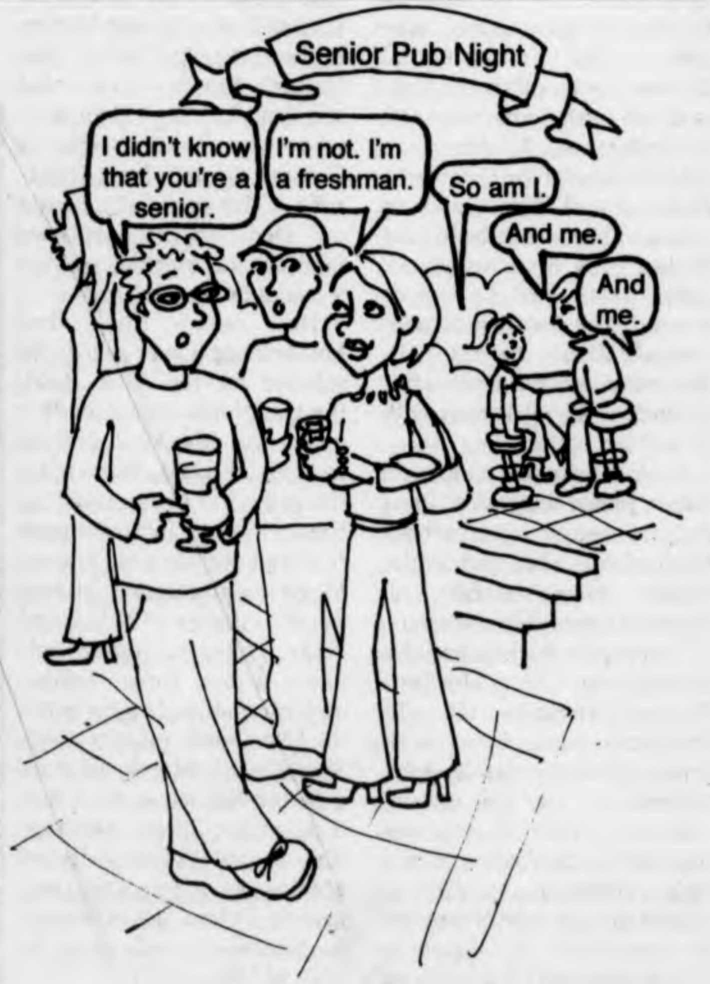
Senior Laura Roth (l.) and Junior Will Elson (r.) were both members of Mule relay teams that shattered school records at the Bucknell Winter Classic.


Senior Pub Night
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And me.

3 Football players named to Lutheran All-American team

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

Three Muhlenberg football players were named to All-America teams along with seven players selected to play for the 2000 Lutheran College All-American team this past winter.

The 2000 Lutheran College All-American team is selected by the Lutheran Brotherhood, a faith-based, member-owned financial services organization. The Lutheran All-American team was chosen from among forty Lutheran institutions that participate at the NCAA Division I-AA, II, and III and NAIA levels. Muhlenberg, along with Division I-AA Valparaiso University (Ind.) had the most total selections for the team. The Hewlett-Packard Division III All-America team is selected by a panel of thirty sports information directors. The Mules have had two All-Americans three times previously (most recently in 1988) but never three in their 99-season history.

Joshua Carter was the Centennial Conference co-offensive player of the year.

Chosen for the first team were senior defensive back Mike Burke and junior wide receiver Joshua Carter, who was the Centennial Conference co-offensive player of the year. Carter was also a first-team All-American selection on the Hewlett-Packard and d3football.com teams. This season he led the Mules with 60 catches for 1,041 yards and 14 touchdowns. The Football Gazette named Burke to the All-American second team, after he tied a school record with nine interceptions.

Senior defensive end David Jones, junior linebacker Doug Folger, senior quarterback Michael McCabe, and senior punter James Barski, all received honorable mention.

Carter and Burke were also named to the Hewlett-Packard Division III All-American team, along with senior offensive tackle John Schoeller. For the second year in a row, Carter was selected for the first team as a kick returner. He is Muhlenberg's first two-time All-American in football. Carter averaged 28.2 yards on kickoff returns and 13.4 yards on punt returns this season, to rank in the top 20 in Division III in both categories. He also ranked third in the nation in all-purpose yards with 2,031. Carter has more than 1,000 yards on both kickoff returns and punt returns for his career and is the school's all-time leader with 5,038 all-purpose yards.

Burke made the All-America third team, as one of four players in Division III to average at least one interception per game. His nine picks tied a school record set in 1942. Burke also led the team with 11 pass breakups and 43 tackles. Muhlenberg ranked 27th in Division III in pass efficiency defense and allowed only one opponent quarterback to complete 50 percent of his passes.

Schoeller, a unanimous first-team All-Centennial Conference selection, received honorable mention. He helped to lead the way for an offense that averaged 427.8 yards and 31.1 points per game, and was the biggest player on a line that allowed only six sacks to the Mules' starting quarterbacks.

Schoeller was also selected to play on the 40-player roster for the Division III All-Star Team, which represented the United States against Mexico in the 2000 Aztec Bowl. The United States team was coached by Rod Schipper, who was head coach at Central (Iowa) from 1961-1966. The game was played on Dec. 16 at Alvarado Stadium in Merida, on the Yucatan Peninsula.

He was the first Muhlenberg player ever to be selected for the Aztec Bowl, the traditional season-ending game for Mexico's college football schedule. Since 1947, the game has been played 29 times; the last three contests featured a United States-Mexico competition. Mexico faced a mixture of NCAA and NAIA colleges, junior colleges, armed forces teams, and international teams in the 26 Aztec bowls prior to 1997. The United States all-stars defeated Mexico in their first three Aztec Bowl meetings. The United States defeated Mexico 42-41 in the 1997 game in Toluca, 40-13 in 1998 in Monterey, and 44-13 in 1999 in Mexico City.

Women win at Winterfest

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Not only did the Mules have an impressive offensive first half, but their defense was smothering as well. They held Washington to just 21 percent shooting from the floor during the first twenty minutes of the contest. Despite a foul by Muhlenberg as time expired in the first half that allowed Washington to shoot with no time remaining on the clock, the Mules took a thirteen point lead into halftime, 38-25.

After a short delay at the outset of the second half caused by a scoreboard malfunction, Washington opened the half with a three pointer.

Immediately after the score, an officials' time out was called because of another glitch with the clock. After the scoreboard was sufficiently repaired, play continued and the Mules never looked back. They led by no fewer than ten points for the duration of the game and defeated the Shorewomen by the final score of 82-54.

Part of the Mules' success can be attributed to their excellent free throw shooting. Muhlenberg shot 19-20 from the line-an impressive 95%.

Three Mules had career days against Washington. Risley led all scorers with 22 points, Baran added ten points and six rebounds and senior P.J. Schwartz had seven rebounds.

Risley attributes her offensive success to the entire team saying, "We were really breaking their press. We were working the ball around and finding the open girl. No one (from Washington) was back on their press."

With the victory, the Mules clinch a playoff berth, but they draw the daunting task of traveling to either Franklin and Marshall or Johns Hopkins. The Mules will probably not know until Saturday where they are headed, as Hopkins and F & M are tied for first place in the West Division. They play each other Feb. 17 in what will most likely determine the Western Division Championship.

Risley has confidence that the Mules will fare well in the playoff game.

"Practices are going a lot better and we're beginning to peak. We're playing the best we have all season. It all comes down to the next couple games and who's playing well at the right time."

Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior Captain Jenn Risley avoids traffic under the net in the Mules' 82-54 Winterfest victory.

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Profile of a Mule

Sue Marchiano hopes to continue learning an endless game

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Freshman basketball forward Sue Marchiano knows what it takes to have a positive outlook on a team. As her father told her, "It's not whether you fall, it's whether you get up," that counts. Marchiano takes this attitude very seriously and feels that it motivates her in the game and in the real world.

During her freshman year of high school in Connecticut, Marchiano's father suggested that she try out for the school's basketball team. She made the team and found great success. She then moved to Wayne, Pa. and joined the team there. This was during her sophomore year, and she worked hard to become a member of the varsity squad. In her junior and senior years she continued to persevere and found herself starting every game.

Her coach was excellent and worked with her a lot, teaching her the fundamentals of the game and helping her to improve a great deal. One of the most significant steps Marchiano took was to begin attending summer basketball camps. She feels that there "is a lot to learn about the game," and that by going to these camps, she felt she would be heading in the right direction.

Marchiano came to Muhlenberg for its commendable academic and athletic reputation. She knew that she definitely wanted to continue playing basketball and pursue her interest in science. Muhlenberg fit her needs perfectly.

As a new member of the basketball team, Marchiano felt very welcome. She remembers how the rest of the girls treated the incoming freshmen and comments, "They really welcomed me with open arms. The adjustment in coming to college can be very difficult and through basketball it was easy to find a great network of friends within the team." Marchiano was also greeted with much comfort by the coaching staff. She says, "Coach Smith knows so much about the game. All of the coaches are really great—they support us in so many different aspects but also get on us when we need to improve. It's definitely a good balance between the two."

In her few months here, Marchiano has been very happy with the school and with being a member of the women's team.

Personally, she feels that she needs to work on her upper body strength. She would also like to have more precise ball control and the ability to see the court better so she can find open players. However, she thinks she is rebounding well in addition to her hustle on the floor.

She hopes to "motivate others" with her efforts and work ethic. Overall, she feels that the team has a tremendous amount of talent.

"We each have our individual strengths and when we combine them we really have a lot to offer," says Marchiano. "The best thing we can do is find our chemistry together on the court. Although I feel that our record doesn't show everything we have to offer as a team, I think we have so much talent."

Besides basketball, Marchiano has many other interests. She has a love for the sciences, which is why she is following the Pre-Med track here and is currently a Biology major.

Soccer is another one of her favorite past times. Right now, basketball is a very big part of her life and she plans to devote a lot of time and effort into it so she can be the best player possible and help the team find success.

The women's last regular season game will be held on Feb. 17 at 2:00 p.m. at Ursinus. When the Mules faced them on Jan. 24, they walked away with a 72-51 win.

Marchiano looks to this game with much enthusiasm and says, "If we hustle and continue to play like we have been, we will be able to accomplish a lot."

Mules still tied with Bears

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Championship. The Mules will look to avenge an 85-76 Bears victory earlier this season. However, they need to get past Swarthmore before they can look ahead to Saturday's match up.

"We can't look too far ahead now, we have to take it one game at a time," Strachan emphasized. "However, the win puts us in a great spot. We control our own destiny the rest of the way."

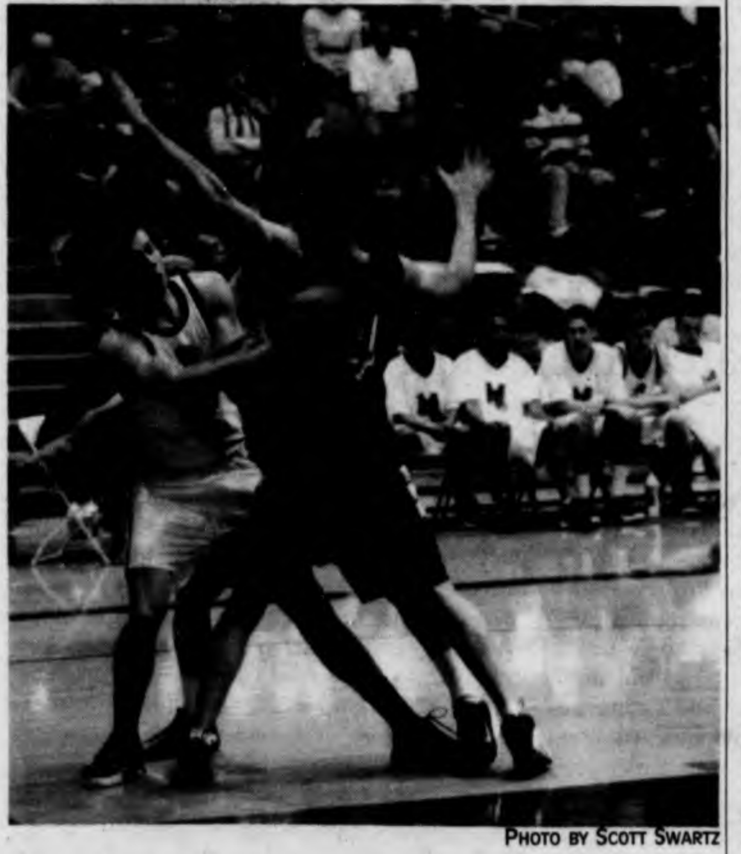

Photo by Scott Swartz

Lesko, sandwiched between two defenders, dumps the ball off behind Shoreman Antoine Bellin's back.

Track anticipates Centennials and ECAC's

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

The Mules continue to crush their opponents with smashing success. Three of the team's six relay teams sprinted to record-breaking times at Bucknell's Winter Classic.

The women's 4x800 meter relay team, made up of Laura Roth '04, Melissa Tarlowski '04, Erica Norey '04 and Diana Garretto '04, ran a 10:30.97 placing second and breaking a school record. Katrina Beck '01 placed tenth in the high jump with a 5-2½.

The men's 4x800 meter relay team, composed of Richard Kipp '03, Will Elson '02, Chris Catalano '02, and Fred Follansbee '03, ran a 8:17.45, breaking another school record and placing first in their event. Brendan Gallagher '03 placed seventh by running a 15:37.18 in the 5000 meters, setting a school record and qualifying for the ECAC Championship.

The DMR relay team, compiled of Kipp, Catalano, Elson, and Josh Cohen '04 ran a 15:37.18, placing fourth and also breaking a school record. Jason App '03 tied the school record in the pole vault event with a 13-9.

"I was very pleased with my personal performance this past weekend," Gallagher shared. "Breaking a record is always enjoyable. I'm also exited about having qualified for the ECAC's because I'll be able to help the team do well at that meet."

Thus far this season, the Mules have broken 11 of a possible 37 indoor records, tied two records and have 10 team members qualified for the ECAC's.

Elson, the first qualifier, is traveling to the ECAC's for the 800 meters. App qualified for the pole vault, Josh Boyer '04 for the triple jump, Cohen for the 500 meters, and Gallagher for the 5000 meters.

The team has already competed in seven non-scoring meets, including Lehigh's Covert Classic, Bucknell's Bison Open, Lafayette Relays, the Kutztown Invitational, the Moravian Greyhound Field Challenge and East Stroudsburg's Deschriver Invitational.

The Mules most often compete against Division I and Division II schools at these meets. Better competition and talent pushes the Mules to run, sprint, jump, hurl, and throw harder than ever.

The team still needs to compete at Kutztown's Bears Den invitational on this Friday, the Centennial Conference Championships at Haverford on Feb. 23 and 24, and the ECAC Championships on Saturday, Mar. 3.

When asked about the upcoming CCC's, Gallagher expressed, "I think that the team has a good chance of doing well at Centennial's. We have many athletes that are ranked highly in the league in their specialty events and our relays are very strong. Based on the fact that thus far we have seen mostly Division I and Division II teams, the competition should be weaker."

Sophomore Melissa Carrelli said, "The track team has been doing really well this season, and a lot of that has to do with our energetic school spirit and team unity. We show much enthusiasm and encouragement at the practices and the meets, which makes us all more confident and excited when it comes to being timed, and competing. There is nothing better than hearing and seeing my teammates cheering for me when I am running lap after countless lap in my efforts to do my best. It is a nice reminder that my teammates are with me all the way, from the beginning to the end."

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Men's basketball tied for first in Centennial Conference East

Can win championship with victory against Ursinus on Saturday

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

Behind the dynamic duo of Mark Lesko and Anthony Strachan, the men's basketball team exploded offensively in a thrilling 89-83 victory over Centennial Conference rival Washington (Md.). The victory marks the third straight for the Mules and allows them to retain a first place tie in the Centennial Conference eastern division with Ursinus College.

With seven minutes remaining in the contest, the Mules found themselves matched with the Shoremen at 64. However, Lesko scored back-to-back field goals to ignite a 12-4 Muhlenberg run. Washington slowly climbed back into the game, but their efforts diminished when Strachan scored seven points in the final 2:45 to seal the victory for the Mules.

Lesko exploded for his tenth double double of the season, scoring 28 points and pulling down 14 rebounds. Strachan knocked down 11 points while registering 14 rebounds (a career high), five assists, and two steals. However, the key to his game was his phenomenal defense in which he held Washington's Greg Adams scoreless for the first 14 minutes of the game. Adams, who ranks tenth in scoring in the country, was continually held in check by Strachan all afternoon.

"I have played against Adams four times now," Strachan commented. "He's a great player, but I am used to his moves now. Coach told me I had to try to contain him one-on-one off the dribble. But I knew my teammates were right behind me to help."

With clutch shots down the stretch, the Mules were able to hang on to the victory despite some shaky free throw shooting down the stretch. One of the keys was Strachan's clutch shooting as time winded down.

"Everyone knows Lesko is our guy down the stretch. Coach just told me to crash the boards, which allowed me to score on some put backs as well as from the foul line," Strachan said.

While Strachan came up big in the contest, Lesko continued his offensive dominance by scoring in double figures for the 19th consecutive time, staking his claim as the most dominant player in the conference. In the last two games against Washington and Haverford (an 85-56 Mules victory), Lesko has shot 61.3 percent from the field. He now leads the Centennial Conference in field goal percentage (59.7) while ranking second in both scoring and rebounds. For his efforts, Lesko was named the Centennial Conference's Player of the Week.

The two also received considerable offensive support during the game, the second straight contest in which the Mules have scored over 85 points. Michael Rossmell scored 13 points, while sophomore John Strom hit three shots from beyond the arc on his way to 15 points. However, Strom was forced to watch much of the game from the sideline when he suffered a sprained left thumb. Despite his injury, the Mules were able to get four players in double-digit scoring, improving their record to 11-3 when at least three players score in double figures.

The Mules used an incredible 61.3 percent shooting from the field to accompany a tenacious defense that out rebounded the Shoremen 47-32.

"We knew we had to play good one-on-one defense against them," Strachan stressed. "We had great intensity throughout the game. It was a huge win."

The win not only eliminates Washington from the playoff picture, but it also avenges a 77-62 Muhlenberg loss almost a month ago. The Mules now find themselves tied atop the Eastern Division with Ursinus with the ability to determine their own fate. A win against Swarthmore guarantees the Mules a playoff spot. However, the away match up against Ursinus College on Saturday at 4:00 pm could very well be for the Centennial Conference East

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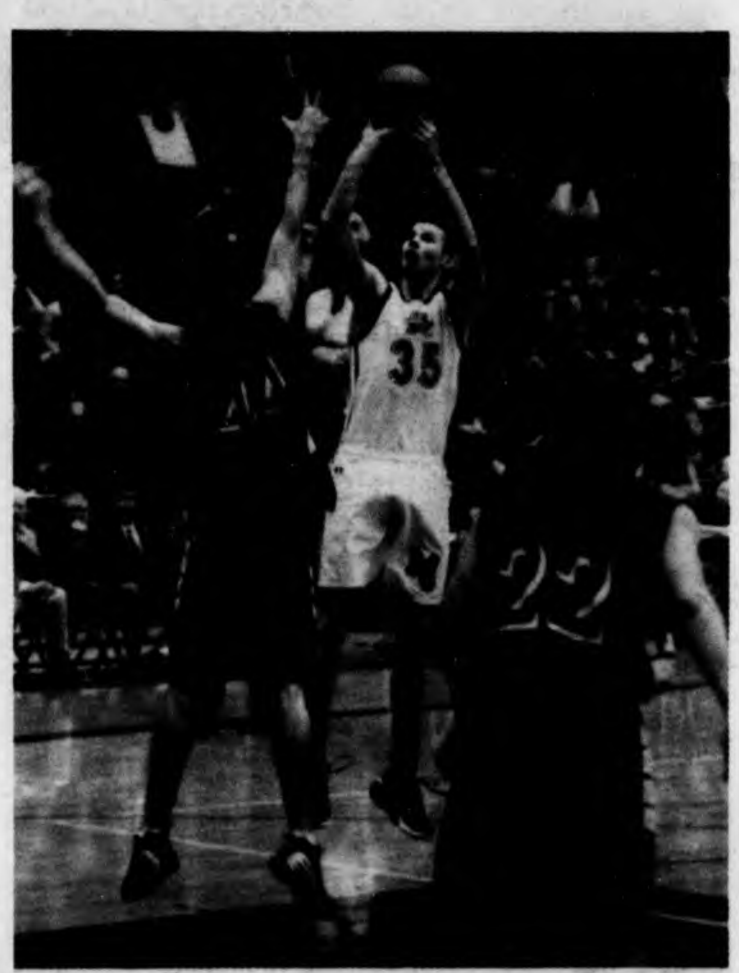

Photo by Scott Swartz

Junior Mark Lesko puts up a shot against Washington (Md.) during Saturday's 89-83 Winterfest win.

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Women's b-ball clinches spot in CC playoffs

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Playing in front of a large, enthusiastic Winterfest crowd, the women's basketball team clinched a Centennial Conference playoff berth by defeating Washington College (Md.) on Saturday. With the 82-54 victory, the Mules extended their winning streak at home to an impressive seven games. The Mules finished second in the East Division of the Conference and, in the first round of the playoffs, will face the champion of the West Division, which has yet to be determined.

From the opening tip-off, which was won by the Mules, they controlled the entire game, never trailing. After a lay-up by Senior Jessica Drennan and back-to-back three pointers by Junior Jenn Risley, the Mules led by an 8-0 score. Washington got on the board their next time down the court, but the Mules extended their lead to nine points after Junior Lindsay St. Lawrence hit a three-point shot of her own. Washington was forced to use their first time out as the Mules led 11-2 less than four minutes into the game.

Despite the fact that the Mules dominated offensively in the early part of the game, they did get into early foul trouble with Drennan quickly picking up two fouls. The Mules were not hindered by this, however, and continued to score. After two more points from St. Lawrence, two from Senior Jennifer O'Neill and a three from Sophomore Randi Baran, Washington was forced to burn another time out.

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Unopposed, Saratovsky to be Council president

Pledges to be 'voice of all the students to the administration'

Some internal reforms are in store

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Elias Saratovsky, as student body president and the leader of Student Council, will work to implement changes in the way Council is run, the candidate said in an interview Tuesday.

"The biggest challenge is to actually show people at this school that Student Council does make a difference," Saratovsky said.

This comes after a rough year as it pertains to student participation in Council. Rarely do more than a few students attend regular Thursday meetings and only a handful of non-representatives serve on committees, many of which are open to the entire campus.

Saratovsky said that the first step toward increasing student participation is to increase participation in committee meetings, which is where many of Council's deci-

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Jedi Mind Tricks performed what one person described as "raw lyrical energy" in a concert last Friday. Page 9.

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Saratovsky platform

The full text of Elias Saratovsky's platform appears on page 5.

Elias Saratovsky, left, with Jodi Siegel and Chris Titze. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Monday's race will certify his presidency

By Jeff Baird and Andrew May
News Editors

Elias Saratovsky will be the next student body president, as he will run unopposed in an election Monday that will officially certify him as the highest student officeholder at the College.

Saratovsky was the only one of five nominees to submit a platform to the Dean of Students office before the Tuesday evening deadline.

He stressed in his platform [full text, page 5] and in an interview Tuesday that he will lead Student Council to implement a student designated driver program, to upgrade the weekend shuttle to a daily shuttle, to lobby for online registration for classes, and to work for extended library and computer lab hours.

"My theory is that if there's enough student interest in a service, the school should provide it," he said. "The experience I have had is that nothing will get accomplished unless someone pushes for it."

Online class registration, which is a luxury of students at neighboring schools, is "something we should have in the year 2001," Saratovsky said.

Most of the changes on his platform would require a strong line with College officials. "The president is the voice of all the students to the administration," he said.

Jodi Siegel, current student body president, is encouraged by Saratovsky's sole candidacy. "He knows what's going on. He stands his ground with the administration. He's not weak."

The student designated driver initiative draws on an

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Gift of $10M nearly brings campaign to halfway point

By Joseph Trentacoste
Managing Editor

The College's "Pride and Progress" campaign recently received a $10 million anonymous gift, bringing total pledges up to about $30 million.

"The initial response and enthusiasm towards the campaign has been tremendous," declared Tilghman Moyer, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations. "This gift was a welcome surprise."

The six-year campaign, which began in July 1999, has a goal of $70 million. The $10 million donation came from the same donor who gave $7.5 million to the Moyer Hall portion of the campaign.

The rest of the money is in the form of donations and pledged gifts from alumni, parents, corporations and other "College-affiliated entities." Moyer wants students to know that the College does

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College implements Asian Traditions minor

By Jodi Stark
Weekly Staff Writer

An Asian Traditions minor was approved at last Friday's faculty meeting. It will take the place of the previous minor called Asian Cultures and Civilizations essentially lost when Da'an Pan left the faculty last year. With him, he took his knowledge of East Asia; courses in that area were forced to be dropped from the curriculum.

Thanks to last year's arrival of Julia Hardy a professor in the relgion department, who has expertise in these areas, such courses can be offered. Therefore, a complete minor will now be available.

The struggle to have the minor approved, which is now called Asian Traditions, was not an easy one. There were only two students in the Asian Cultures and Civilizations minor; as a result the College didn't want to pay the money to hire a professor with vast East Asian knowledge, when it might have benefited only two people. Other departments were quickly growing, and it seemed necessary and practical to place funding in those areas.

But as Junior Karen Nguyen, one of the two students explains, "The entire reason there was no interest was because there was no real program. Yet the school was not willing to develop a program, which would be sure to spark enthusiasm in more students."

The Asian Students Association and International Students Association decided to take action. They not only wrote letters of complaint to The Muhlenberg Weekly, but also circulated petitions. Last Friday's decision came after many months of anguish and frustration.

Nguyen and senior Leilani Leard, the other student in the minor, will most likely continue as Asian Cultures and Civilizations minors since they are so far along in their studies. Newcomers to the program will begin with the Asian Studies minor requirement.

Taking this minor on allows students to explore the cultural heritage of South and East

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The Weekly Review

It is not always the position of this page to support a candidate for student office. In fact, last year, Weekly editors broke with tradition to endorse Jodi Siegel for student body president. In retrospect, we believe that the endorsement was a prudent one. Elias Saratovsky, a junior, has been a tempered and seasoned voice on Council's executive board this year. In debates, we at The Weekly have been impressed with his reason, ability and willingness to compromise and with his sense of reality. On the occasion where he presided over a meeting, he did so with dispatch and efficiency. He has a keen understanding of the possibilities (and impossibilities) of Council's work on our campus. He has supported, consistently, strong student participation and has willingly given student media access to the factors and conditions that lie behind Council's moves.

It is for all these reasons that Elias Saratovsky wins our unequivocal endorsement for student body president.

We are especially impressed with the way he reacted to an article in The Weekly two weeks ago. The somewhat blunt language concerning student interest in Council did not offend him. He did not express a knee-jerk reaction to a negative story. Instead, he photocopied the article and sternly informed Council that the article represents how the students see the body he hopes to lead. His platform contains some refreshingly concrete, original ideas. He can realistically expect to institute a designated driver program. Any upperclassman can tell you that, for better or for worse, the environment is such that students of age are becoming more and more discouraged from drinking on campus. A designated driver program is a meaningful and possible advance that we look forward to.

He also mentions a daily shuttle. This is a fabulous idea-but we encourage him to refine and perfect the existing weekend shuttle before taking on a project of that magnitude. We do not believe for one second, however, that a daily shuttle would even begin to alleviate the parking problems on campus. We also do not believe that preventing sophomores from parking would do anything to help with neighborhood relations or with the general mood of the student body.

He also mentions that he will lobby to institute online course registration. But we are somewhat skeptical that anything short of a full-blown Taylor-directive can even begin the quiet the overall grumbling that emanates from the bottom floor of Ettinger whenever anyone mentions the word "progress."

For all our petty criticisms, though, we are fully in support of Saratovsky and we encourage everyone to vote, even though the outcome has more or less been decided. We believe that he is the best member of student council for the job and we are somewhat thankful that this year's election will not take the same negative turn that last year's did. We see this as a sign of respect and admiration that nobody would presume to be a better candidate than the one we have.

LEAVING TONYPANDY

BETH FREEMAN

You fill up my senses

Every Sunday night, some bizarre thought pesters my mind until I acknowledge it or act upon it. I don't know why Sundays possess this power, but this pestering occurs without fail. This past Sunday the thought was this: I need to be in nature.

Often if I'm around college students for too long or in a city for too long, I feel this desire. Although I usually don't act upon it immediately, this time I couldn't resist. So I fell asleep at 2:30 AM, woke up at 4:30 AM, and drove to my favorite part of the Appalachian Trail, known as the Pinnacle.

Like most of my spontaneous acts, I didn't plan well. I broke every rule of a good hiker. I hiked alone in the dark without a flashlight, I wore cotton, I hiked on an unfamiliar snowy trail, I forgot tissues, and I wore boots with soles melted from a campfire.

Despite these setbacks, the hike was incredible. When I saw that beautiful mountaintop view, I didn't care that half way up the mountain my water bottle had frozen.

While watching the sun rise over miles of beautiful Pennsylvania farmland, I realized I was motivated by more than a pestering thought. The desire to feel wonder motivated my mountain hike.

This desire surely resulted from my recent reading of David Orr's views on environmentalism and education. In his book, Earth in Mind, Orr proposes that, "As our sense of wonder in nature diminishes, so too does our sense of the sacred, our pleasure in the created world, and the impulse behind a great deal of our best thinking." Maybe I feared that I would lose these essential feelings.

And I did renew my feeling of wonder... for about thirty seconds. Then I wondered about other things. I wondered how this beautiful scene would appear with forests instead of farmland and town lights, with an empty horizon instead of a cloud of smoke from Limerick Power Plant. My wonder changed from awe to nostalgia for a world I had never seen.

Have my Environmentalism classes made me too cynical? Has the state of our world disheartened me so much that I can no longer feel that awe of nature? No. My thoughts didn't stop me from singing John Denver and Cat Stevens songs on the hike back down the mountain.

This mountaintop experience, however, differed from all of my other trips to the Pinnacle. Not only did it renew a sense of wonder, but it also birthed a sense of responsibility and hope for a hurting world.

Has the state of our world disheartened me so much that I can no longer feel that awe of nature?

Letters to The Editor

To The Editor:

I read with interest your debate column "Weekly Discourse: Cloning", including the prediction of eventual cloning of a human. Without distracting from an important debate about the ethical and control issues regarding cloning, let me point out that human cloning has been a reality for the past fourteen years.

In 1986 I was involved in a project that resulted in the launch of a biomedical company (now called "Genzyme Tissue Repair") that successfully cloned human skin cells. We were able to save the lives of hundreds of severe burn victims by removing a small amount of unburned skin, and cloning from that sample large sheets of replacement skin. GTR is now also cloning cartilage cells for knee replacement (patients under age fifty are not good candidates for traditional knee replacements because of the relatively short longevity of mechanical devices). Further research is now focusing on nerve cells.

These humane, approved, and successful kinds of limited cloning of course beg the question of cloning an entire human being. But let's be careful as we debate the broad ethical issues not to mandate prohibitions that could adversely affect the health and quality of life patients receiving less controversial treatments.

- Dr. Sandy Weinberg
Entrepreneur-in-Residence
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Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: Animal rights

To meat, or not to meat?

Those interested in contributing, contact Luke at Ltomanelli@aol.com

To The Editor:

I am writing this letter in regards to the editorial in last week's paper. First of all, I would like to thank you for the unbelievable amount of coverage that The Weekly has given to Student Council. Two weeks ago, this paper was filled front to back, with articles about Student Council. Not one member of Council was unappreciative of all the press we received.

Despite all this coverage, last weeks editorial for the "The Weekly Review" was uncalled for. The Weekly, much like Student Council, does not have many pressing issues to write about or discuss at this time. Because things have been running so smoothly on campus, The Weekly sees this as an opportunity to attack Student Council. I recommend that The Weekly follow in the footsteps of Student Council, and take this opportunity to work on the structure of your organization. Student Council realizes that there is room for improvement in every organization because an organization cannot move forward until it works on

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To The Editor:

While carefully sipping a cup of fair-trade coffee from Java Joe's last Thursday, I came across a letter in the Weekly from Keith Mann. He claimed that the mainstream media operates on preconceived notions, and accused the Muhlenberg Weekly of entertaining a bias in determining topics of discourse -- namely that of global warming. I fixated on Mann's ill-founded essay and all its gross misconceptions.

It is a misnomer for Mann to cite the "view" held by those who recognize the reality of global warming as "radical." His "conten[tion] that there is no consensus among scientists as to the causes, the effects, or even the existence of... global warming" is as flat out wrong as the flat-earth theory. Mann assures us that "the most comprehensive data sets" reveal that "not even the most infinitesimal change in temperature can be observed." This statement has no credibility. Precisely what data sets does he refer to?

I will now present what conclusive data I have found on global warming.

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Origins of the True Believer

Thomas Kristian Peri

Weekly Columnist

One day I awoke, witness to my own metamorphosis. When I say "awoke," I don't actually mean from sleep, but rather in terms of enlightenment or rebirth, so that's where the Kafka parallel stops. Like a phoenix on a funeral pyre I rose from the ashes of Moderate Republicanism to become the quixotic hero known only as True Believer. (As this newly fashioned progressive superhero, I valiantly battle the scum of over-consumption, materialism, intolerance, corporationism, and ignorance) And though I can't move faster than the speed of a moving bullet, I do combat the forces of evil with my superpowers, namely social consciousness, tolerance, idealism, and fervent environmentalism. It is my duty to use my superpowers to open minds and eternally struggle against my arch-nemeses "The Young Republicans." These dastardly hooligans can be found haplessly oppressing the lower classes, wearing their supervillian costumes; blue blazers, pink or yellow Polo shirts, khakis, and loafers! Their secret hideout is a yacht club in the Hamptons, and I intend to defeat them in their quest to support their corrupt and self-interested system of government. Our battles can take place only in theory, since I am a pacifist and a fight with one of them would only succeed in their cries of, "My Dad will sue!"

A century ago our nation was in grave peril when the industrial monopolies like Standard Oil seized hold of the American political system and undeniably corrupted and controlled the country. This dark era of American politics is well documented by historians both conservative and liberal alike. Fortunately, our democracy was rescued when Progressivism became the overwhelmingly popular vein of thought. Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson valiantly purified and improved the system with radically liberal domestic policy. Roosevelt is famous for his trust busting, and though not in his lifetime Woodrow Wilson's brainchild the "League of Nations" led to the creation of the United Nations. The ebb and flow of liberal and conservative politics has been paradoxically constant throughout our nations history. At times it is necessary to reform a suffering system. Liberalism is essential to our survival; revolution is imperative to keeping our freedom. Liberal thinkers fought the civil rights battle, for the legalization of abortion, welfare, and virtually every social program that benefits this country.

We are moving beyond the industrial era into a brave new world, where the most valuable commodity is no longer agrarian or industrial, but informational. Knowledge is power, and in the dawn of a new era those who have the power control the information. Have you heard about the riots in Seattle, Chicago, New York? Most people don't, because the power that be don't want you to know about them. I hate to pull this parallel out, but anyway... in many ways this liberal struggle is like that of our hippie smellin' parents. Youths, Intellectuals, and So-called radicals are mobilizing and things are beginning to change. The truth is out there if you want to find it. Pick up the latest Rage Against the Machine CD, read a book by Chomsky, do something! These people can't do it alone. Look at the world you see around you.

I think it goes without saying that it isn't all that you'd hoped it would be. Our forebearers have bestowed on us a truly incredible society, but they messed up a good amount too. When it comes to politics, you must dream the impossible dream. Pragmatic or not, things have to change, and unless our generation has the heart we will hand our children a world still full of ignorance, pollution, self-interest and fear. Is that what you want? Well I sure as hell don't. I'm a simple man.

Don't miss out when True Believer fights oppression, pollution, conformity, and NRA crackpot "The Young Republicans."

In defense of Student Council

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improving itself first. This does not, however, mean that Student Council stops functioning because there are no major problems on campus. The elected students in Council that work hard, see the results. I know that I see the results of so many members working on a variety of projects. Let me list some of the things Council has done for this campus:

- Due to the Weekend Shuttle, Student Council helps to transport, on average, 80 students a weekend to destinations around the Lehigh Valley.
- The Student Council Food Committee is constantly working with Wood Co. to improve the food on campus, which everyone must eat.
- Thanks to the Campus Safety Committee, Student Council has gotten approval to place more lights, call boxes and cameras around campus.
- Student Council has been working with local bars and the administration to get a designated drivers program on campus, to help prevent drunk driving.
- The Academics Committee is currently working on getting sign language approved to become part of the foreign language curriculum.
- Student Council is looking into getting a new copier so that we can give our old one to students in a dorm.
- Student Council is working hard on the 3rd annual Henry Awards, which honors leaders on this campus.
- Student Council is setting up the 2nd Annual Sean Cunningham Volleyball Tournament.

These are only a few things that we have been working on for the student body. Despite what you write about Student Council, there are many elected members that work hard and devote a lot of time and effort to Council. Maybe you should focus on those people. And if you are unhappy with the results that you see, take some action and run for a position! Don't just complain.

-Jodi Siegel

Spring Break Shuttle Service

A free shuttle service to and from the Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown Bus Terminal (3rd & Hamilton Streets), and the Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal (Wescosville) will be provided on Friday, March 2, and Sunday, March 11 to accommodate those traveling for Spring Break. The scheduled times are as follows:

Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal
Departs Center for the Arts on Friday, March 2:
10:00 a.m., 11:30, 1:00 p.m., 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
Departs Charcoal Drive-In on Sunday, March 11:
3:55 p.m., 5:25, 6:55, 8:25, 9:55

Allentown Bus Terminal
Departs Center for the Arts on Friday, March 2:
10:00 a.m., 11:30, 1:00 p.m., 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
Departs Allentown Bus Terminal on Sunday, March 11:
3:00 p.m., 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00

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The environment is a problem

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released just this last Monday further conclusive evidence for projected climate change, building on previous work that already confirmed a one degree Fahrenheit increase in global mean temperatures. This panel consists of the world's finest and most accurate scientists in the global community today. Their report predicts a rise in global temperatures of as much as 10.5 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century. In short, clear evidence suggests that industry and auto pollution are to blame.

I put more faith in the findings of a credible multinational think-tank than in the pipe dreams of a handful of wishful-thinking quasi-scientists. The conception is not just an exclusive view of radical Greens, as Mann would contend.

I want to clear up one last misconception. In his article, Mann offered thanks to the Lord that the college campus is not a microcosm for the rest of the nation. Though Muhlenberg may not be a microcosm of the rest of the nation, per se, it nonetheless serves as a model of an intelligent community. I modestly consider myself not only a member of this community, but also a dweller in a bioregion, a U.S. resident, a global citizen and finally as one of over six billion humans - a speck in an increasingly concentrated splotch on the earth.

My point is this: it is important to attain a level of self-awareness - of one's relation to the "other" and to the world. Increased awareness of one's surrounding environment may lead to a change in one's ideology, which can lead to change in personal behavior more in harmony with the variegated communities in which one exists.

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Weekly Discourse: The U.S. as the World's Policeman

Police the world, or wait for someone else to do it?

Evan Jaffee
Weekly Columnist

Newly elected President George W. Bush must continue with one particular foreign policy that all his recent predecessors were firmly committed to: the United States must remain the "International Police Officer." Without the United States serving in this capacity, there would be many more conflicts throughout the world.

In order for the United States to continue to be viewed as a Superpower, it is imperative that it continues its duty as International Police Officer. There many countries on this planet that idolize the United States. God forbid any of them should become involved in conflict, it would be the word of the United States, not the United Nations, which would make a difference in the outcome of the conflict.

> *The United States has shown time and again that it can alter the course of international conflicts...*

Nowhere in the Western Hemisphere does the military even come close to matching that of the United States. It is a highly trained, technologically advanced service that has the capabilities of for all practical purposes ending the world. Indeed there have been foreign political leaders that have not listened to the recommendations and/or orders of the United States government. After much patience and still no changes, the United States finally unleashed its military. Consequently, within a few months, the countries that were targeted by United States military forces surrendered.

In 1999, the United States bombed the small eastern European country of Kosovo in response to Dictator Slobodan Milosevic's use of force against that ethnic majority. During the conflict it was discovered that Milosovich's troops had engaged in human rights violations including human genocide and rape. Once Milesovic's army surrendered, many of his troops and ranking officers were arrested for genocide, some which now stand to face the rest of their lives in prison. Had the United States not interfered or used military force, a large portion of an entire ethnic group might not be dead today.

One crucial aspect of being an international police officer is the ability to help fighting countries resolve differences peacefully. Under the watchful eye of former President Bill Clinton, two of the world's most bitter rivals-Israel and Palestine-reached peace treaties. There is little doubt that if the United States government did not get involved; Israel and Palestine would still be fighting.

The United States has shown time and again that it can alter the course of international conflicts either by the use of force or the preferred method of mediating peace talks. I cannot think of another country on this planet that best represents the quintessential International Police Officer. It is truly remarkable just how powerful this country is.

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Lucas Tomanelli
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Here in our great nation we are experiencing a period of economic, political and social good fortune. Or are we? Well, this seems to be the present view most Americans, but this naïve misconception is incredibly far from the truth. Despite what politicians say, poverty and violent crimes are still very prevalent in the United States. And even with these two major issues infecting the fibers of our nation's well-being, the government still finds it necessary to involve our military forces in foreign conflicts that have absolutely nothing to do with us.

> *Why are we getting ivolved with international affairs that have nothing to do with us...?*

The United States Department of Commerce loves to boast that 2.2 million fewer people were living in poverty in 1999, then in 1998. Additionally, statistics show that the percentage of people over 65 who had been living in poverty reached a record low of just below 10 percent in 1999, and that the proportion of American youngsters living in property was the lowest in twenty-one years at 16.9 percent (U.S. Census). However, let's discard all this garbage about all-time lows.

The fact remains that poverty is still very much existent in the United States with approximately one in every ten people living in poverty, and our government is turning a blind eye to it. Last week, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfield announced that the US bombed Iraq with the intention of degrading Iraqi air defense capabilities, therefore reducing the supposed threat being posed to "coalition aircraft and aircrews" (Dept. of Defense). That's really great, Don, but was it really necessary? Approximately 32.3 million Americans daily endure economic hardship, and our government is wasting time and money bombing a nation that is approximately 5,500 miles away. So now I ask myself, why are we getting involved with international affairs that have nothing to do with us, and being completely oblivious towards national affairs that require our government's utmost attention?

Then comes the issue of violent crime. The Bureau of Criminal Justice Statistics reports that in 1999, there were 28.8 million crimes in the United States, 7.4 million of which were violent crimes. Additionally, for every 1,000 people there were two incidents of sexual assault, two assaults with serious injuries and four robberies. Many people will boast about these statistics, claiming the same old garbage -- that America is now safer than it has ever been. Once again, we're failing to see the big picture. Close to 26% of all crimes in the United States are violent, and the government continues to jump with joy at the sight of misleading statistics while ignoring the fact that roughly one in every four crimes are violent. Yet, we ignore this and focus on stationing our military power in foreign lands like Korea and Puerto Rico, for what?

I really don't get it. Americans live in the United States, not in Iraq, Grenada, and not in Vietnam. For over fifty years our government has insisted that we involve ourselves in foreign conflicts that don't involve us. It's time for a change. Instead of stationing our troops abroad every time any type of conflict arises, let's put some effort into working on the problems that really do concern us. If another case of ethnic cleansing were to arise, then of course we should act. But until then (hopefully there won't be a "then"), let us stay where we belong.

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Spring Break

College Housing is Closing!!

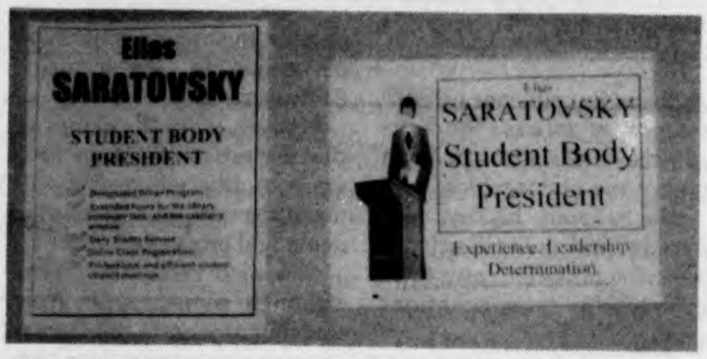
All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on March 2, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. and will reopen on March 11, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.! There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:
- Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $15.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by February 23, 2001. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

Saratovsky to be Council president; pledges to 'set a standard' for progress



Elias Saratovsky, the only candidate, already has campaign posters up

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

effort that Council and Saratovsky have worked on for months.

"We were worried with the liability issues the school and the administration had. He did research and he worked with Ken [Lupole]. They were waiting for something to happen and he made that happen," Siegel said.

"The biggest concern we'll have with the administration, I can tell you right now, is going to be the renovations to Seegers Union," Saratovsky said.

He was especially concerned with the inconveniences renovations to the union would cause. Most notably, renovations to the kitchens will require more time than a summer allows.

"He stands his ground with the administration. He's not weak."

Jodi Siegel

"Every inconvenience that is there will be lessened," Saratovsky said.

Saratovsky's first order of business is to implement the constituency program. Council voted two weeks ago to present to the student body a proposal to divide the campus into alphabetical constituencies, with each representative assigned to focus on about 80 students.

"If there's one big thing we've done this year, it's the constituency program," Saratovsky said.

"We've always been talking about it, but this is the year we are going to put it in place," Siegel said. The program will have to be approved at a student body meeting in the spring.

He said that as president he would "allow student voices to be heard in an open forum" and to "set a standard to allow that work to be done."

Saratovsky's petitions, to which he must collect 250 signatures, is due Saturday; campaigning ends Sunday; the final election is on Monday.

There is no minimum number of votes required; he needs only a simple majority.

Because he is the only candidate, and only a simple majority is required for election, Saratovksy will be the next student body president.

He does not want students to focus on the fact that he is the only candidate, but rather, he said: "I'd like the attention shifted to my platform. The ideas in my platform deserve the attention."

Saratovsky was elected to Student Council as a freshmen, when he served as a representative; he was recording secretary his sophomore year; and he served as vice president this year after an unsuccessful bid for student body president last spring.

Saratovsky and the new Council will take over starting March 29. The executive board is chosen from the staff of representatives once the new Council is elected.

Small internal reforms in store

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sions are made.

"That's where the real action of Student Council takes place," Chris Titze, corresponding secretary, said.

Siegel said that only three Council members sit on the finance committee, which makes recommendations to the general Council about allocations to clubs and organizations. The other spaces are open for faculty and for other students.

Saratovsky said that he is going to advertise committee meetings to the campus and will ask that committees submit minutes on a monthly basis to Council.

"...no one's going to complain that we're wasting our time at Thursday night meetings."

Elias Saratovsky

"Everything else we've tried hasn't worked," he said. "We're going to continue to do those things, but we're going to start doing other things."

Additionally, Saratovsky said he will push for a constituency program that, if passed at a student body meeting, would divide the campus alphabetically and would assign about 80 students to each Council representative.

"If there's one big thing we've done this year, it's the constituency program," he said. "I will make sure it gets done."

This will be a way for the representatives to be held "more responsible" for the interests of actual students, Siegel said.

That reform, Saratovsky hopes, will put students in closer touch with their representatives.

"Once students realize that work actually gets done in Student Council, they'll be more inclined to come," he said. "And that has started."

He indicated that he will run meetings somewhat differently from how they are run now, but said that there will not be major changes. "No two leaders are alike. No two student body presidents are alike," he said, adding later: "But no one's going to complain that we're wasting our time at Thursday night meetings."

Some members of Council are concerned that there is no competition. Josh Brookstein, who was nominated but declined, said: "I would have liked to see somebody else run. I believe there are other qualified people out there."

But, he added, he thinks Elias is "going to be great for this position."

Full text of Elias Saratovsky's platform for student body president

"I am seeking the position of student body president because more must be done to improve our campus. I have been a student at Muhlenberg College for three years and throughout that time it has become evident to me that students make an impact.

"Since being elected to Student Council in my freshman year, I have always believed that new ideas and hard work lead to change. If elected to the position of student body president, I will continue to work hard, create fresh ideas and always to believe that students can make a difference on this campus.

"The president should be an effective leader—one who must work with all students to be the representative of the entire student body. I believe that I possess all of the qualities necessary to be an effective student body president. As a member of the executive board for the past two years, I have gained experience and leadership skills that I plan to use as president. This past year, I served as the student body vice president and acquired knowledge of the issues that affect the entire student body.

"My goal and vision as student body president will be to encourage a greater number of students to use Student Council as a forum for a wide variety of views, issues and concerns. I will set a standard of professionalism and efficiency that would encourage more students to become involved. More students will become involved only when they see for themselves that Student Council programs affect the lives of every student on campus. As the president, I will set an example for other representatives to follow. Working together, we can achieve my goal.

"If elected, I will...

"...implement a student-initiated designated driver program: I have been working with school administrators and fellow representatives on a program that would promote and encourage the use of designated drivers. Such a program would offer incentives to designated drivers such as free soft drinks and free appetizers at local bars and restaurants.

"...promote a shuttle service that would operate on a daily basis: Many students, especially first-year students, utilize the shuttle to go to the movie theater, local restaurants, the supermarket, and the mall. Due to the work of fellow representatives, the shuttle has become very successful during this past year. However, I would like to see the shuttle operate on a daily schedule. Students would rely less on their cars and this will help alleviate the parking problem. Moreover, I will work with local vendors to give students riding the shuttle special discounts and promotions. This would encourage more students to utilize the shuttle service.

"...work with administrators during the renovation of Seegers Union: The renovation of Seegers Union will create inconveniences for the majority of the 2001-2002 academic year. I will work with the new Seegers Union director and other school administrators to ensure that Seegers Union will still remain the focal point of student life on campus during the renovation period. Also, I will work with school administrators to assure that the "new Seegers" has adequate space for student activities and student offices.

"...promote online registration for classes: Students at other colleges and universities are able to register for classes online. Such a program should be available to Muhlenberg College students. I will work with the Registrar's office and school administrators and lobby for online registration.

"...increase the hours of the library and computer labs: The library should have longer hours and there should be at least one computer lab open 24 hours per day available to all students.

"...increase the hours of the cashier's window in the controller's office.

"...run professional and efficient student council meetings."

OFF CAMPUS

Dartmouth University -- Robert Tulloch, 17, and James Parker, 16, were arrested Monday morning for the murder of two University professors. Authorities did not confirm nor deny that one of the students had bought a 12-inch military-style knife off the Internet, The Dartmouth, a student newspaper, reported.

University of Minnesota -- Jonathan Thielen, a 19 year-old freshman at the University of Minnesota, died Saturday after he fell into a drunken sleep, vomited in his sleep, and choked. Thielen was on his high school wrestling and baseball teams. His death occurred on a substance-free floor and the University had received no complaints of noise or of alcohol consumption. A 911 call was placed informing authorities of an unconscious student. Authorities found him minutes later; the student was pronounced dead at the scene.

Allentown -- In a shooting this weekend, a bullet broke through a window of Harrison-Morton Middle School (second and Turner Streets) and landed in the guidance office. As a result, the city is taking steps to increase security in the area to protect against a similar incident during school hours. In the city during the past six months, 12 people have been shot (two were killed) in city gunfights. Some parents, who have otherwise been confident in the area's safety, now question the suitability of the location as there is also an increasing drug trade in the area at night.

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
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Low: 27	Low: 23	Low: 25

College to offer minor in Asian Traditions

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Asia and its influence on contemporary affairs. Students can also take courses in Asian poetry and philosophies.

The religion, history, philosophy and political science departments offer courses to complete the Asian Traditions minor.

To complete the minor, students must choose five courses from at least three different departments.

Students can also select from special topics courses as approved by the minor program director.

In addition, they must complete a senior capstone project. Courses at other schools in the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges may also count toward the minor.

Susan Schwartz, associate professor of religion played a large role in creating the Asian Cultures and Civilizations minor back in 1998 and is now director of the Asian Traditions minor.

Schwartz is thrilled that the determination of students and faculty has reaped such a successful outcome.

"There is no saying how large this minor could become. I have already talked with other faculty members who wish to develop more courses in the minor. With increased student and faculty interest, the College may even be able to support some type of major in the future," Schwartz said.

Nguyen agrees, claiming that the expansion of the program to different realms will deem the interest of both students and professors alike.

She also recognizes that although some people may search for jobs in this area, becoming a minor does not necessarily mean that is the case.

Nguyen adds, "After graduation, I plan to go to med school. Yet, I've found my passion in Asian culture and will continue to learn about it long after I leave Muhlenberg College."

Following is an excerpt from the official description of the Asian Traditions minor:

Asian countries play an increasingly important role in global concerns, and it is crucial to forge connections with as much expertise and understanding as possible. The information and understanding gained through this course...will benefit students in whatever field...they choose to pursue.

Students must choose five courses from at least three departments and must complete a senior capstone project. The former may be chosen from special topics courses as approved by the minor program director.

College $10M closer to goal with unnamed donor

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not necessarily have the $30 million right now, as most of it is pledged over a period of years. He also said there are other sources that have not been contacted, and that the total, so far, puts the campaign in good standing.

"I would say that we're right on target," he explained. "That is, we're right where I would like us to be at this point."

"Pride and Progress" benefits not only the ongoing construction, but future projects and the endowment, as well as multiple other aspects of College development.

Moyer Hall, the Trexler Pavilion and the Scotty Wood Stadium renovations were early parts of the campaign, and Moyer explained that the $30 million pledge "does not include any money that went toward the completion of those projects."

The building component of the campaign equals approximately $42 million of the total $70 million. Future projects that will receive funding include the remodeling of Seegers Union, the Life Sports Center, Shankweiler and the Commons building.

The tentative start or completion dates for any of these projects have not changed as a result of the donation. Unfortunately for students, the new residence halls will still not be completed until after the start of the fall semester.

But some of the donations are in the forms of pledges and bequeaths. According to Mike Bruckner, vice president for public relations, when the College is "reasonably sure" it will have the cash on hand, it will set building dates.

"As soon as they find the money, they're ready to go," Bruckner said. He said that Seegers Union will likely be renovated before the Life Sports Center.

"Remember, you have $30 million pledged," Bruckner said, "but you can't pay the contractors in pledges."

"Campaigns always start off big, but donations slow as they go on," Moyer reported. "We're trying to stop that from happening and continue forward with our current momentum."

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

NASDAQ selloffs provide no good news to investors

Technology stocks, still the market's most expensive shares, once again proved prone to the biggest sell-offs as the NASDAQ fell 4% on Tuesday to its lowest level in seven weeks. The downward trend began last Friday as Nortel Networks, Dell Computer, and Hewlett-Packard each reported profit and sales warnings.

For the record, the NASDAQ fell 106.60 points to 2,318.78, while the Dow Jones dropped only 68.92 points to close at 10,729.04. The Dow's losses were kept to a minimum, because drug and retail stocks remained strong.

The troubles continue for Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. as the tire company was forced to recall 100,000 of its Firehawk tires on Tuesday.

The majority of these recalled Firehawk tires could be found on the Nissan Altima SE Sedan. Firestone is still struggling to recover from last year's recall of 6.5 million tires.

The tires involved in last year's recall are believed to have caused accidents that resulted in 158 deaths. The company said that the reason for the current recall was a design problem that could have resulted in cracks at the edge of the tread and shoulder of the tires.

Unlike last year's recall, the defects in these tires have not resulted in any accidents.

The problem created by a narrow distance between the steel belt edge inside the tire and the tire's surface. At first the cracks in the tires were believed to be a cosmetic problem, but the company decided to go ahead with the recall when it became clear that the problem could cause loss of air pressure and uneven wear.

Experts believe that genomics technology will allow doctors to determine at birth whether a person is predisposed to cancer, depression, Alzheimer's disease or other disorders.

Many believe that we will one day have our genetic profiles on a computer chip, and a health care-system that will diagnose and treat illnesses based on our individual DNA. Naturally, Wall Street is determined to capitalize financially on the scientists who are busy unraveling the human genome. Early last year, the price of genomics stocks soared as the amazing progress made in charting the human genome was printed in newspapers across the world.

Excitement built up as investors who were unhappy with the faltering Internet sector looked for the next big technology that promised to change the world. While many genomic stocks are still trading well above where they were in 1999, they have plunged from their all-time highs of last year due to worries over patent protection for genetic discoveries and concern that the stocks were overvalued.

After bouncing back last summer, the sector seemed largely immune to the technology sell-off. But in the past few months, the excitement surrounding these companies has dwindled.

Many of the valuations got ahead of the company's technological advances, and today the stock prices of these companies are much lower.

Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 12—Vandalism—A soap dispenser in the men's bathroom at the Trexler Library was smashed.

Feb. 12—Code Violation—A student was referred to the dean for an alcohol violation off campus.

Feb. 13—Fire Alarm—Popcorn set off a fire alarm in Walz.

Feb. 13—Fire Alarm—The smell of a spray product in the hallway set off a fire alarm in Prosser.

Feb. 14—Alcohol Violation—Three freshmen were sent to the Dean's office for an alcohol violation in Walz.

Feb. 14—Injured Student—A student suffered a head injury during a sports practice.

Feb. 15—Fire Alarm—While dusting, a housekeeper accidentally set off the fire alarm in East.

Feb. 15—Information—A Wood employee may have been followed to work.

Feb. 15—Suspicious Activity—Several people were seen coming out of the Alpha Tau Omega house. The matter was referred to Chip Hurd, director of Greek affairs.

Feb. 16—Injured Employee—A library employee suffered an injured elbow, forearm and wrist while mopping.

Feb. 16—Fire Alarm—Students who sprayed an aerosol can in the common room of a Benfer suite set off a fire alarm.

Feb. 16—Assist Agency—Jenna Uhrich, a freshman and resident of Prosser Hall, was arrested by South Whitehall Township Police for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Feb. 16—Vehicle Violation—An individual whose parking privileges had been revoked parked behind the Center for the Arts and received a ticket.

Feb. 16—Suspicious Person—A white male, about 5'10" to 6' tall in his twenties was seen prowling the library grounds. The person had short brown hair and was wearing black pants and a dark slate-colored coat. Students called Campus Safety, but officers could not find the man.

Feb. 16—Injured Student—A student suffered a foot injury at the Trexler Pavillion and was transported to the hospital.

Feb. 16—Sick Student—A student suffered pain in the right side of her abdomen and refused transport to the hospital.

Feb. 17—Vandalism—A white paint-like substance was used to vandalize the upper level men's room mirror, the lower level men's room toilet paper dispenser and two commuter lockers in Seegers Union.

Feb. 17—Disturbance—Four non-students were wrestling on Chew St. and officers thought it might be a fight.

Feb. 17—Trashing—Trash was thrown on the center stairwell in Prosser.

Feb. 18—Alcohol Violation—Brian Jedrusiak and Jonathan Walker were arrested by Allentown Police for underage consumption of alcohol. The students threatened and harassed an R.A. Allentown's walking patrol showed up and called for the street patrol's Personal Breathalyzer Test, which found the students' alcohol content to be above the legal limit.

Feb. 18—Alcohol Violation—One person was sent to the Dean's office for an alcohol violation in Prosser.

Feb. 18—Assist Agency—The Allentown Communication Center reported noise at 323 N. 22nd St. No citations were given.

Feb. 18—Criminal Mischief—There was graffiti on the lower northeast entrances to Seegers Union.

Feb. 17—Alcohol Violation—Five non-students were issued letters of trespass and two students were sent to the Dean for alcohol violations in Walz.

Feb. 17—Disturbance—Two non-students threatened

Feb. 18—Check Welfare—A Brown reisdent's mother called to check on her welfare. Campus Safety verified the student was okay.

Feb. 19—Vandalism—There was a crack in the fourth floor of Walz hall, which resulted from students pushing each other.

Feb. 19—Vandalism—The glass case for a fire extinguisher was broken and reported by a housekeeper.

Feb. 19—Information—A note requesting that College students don't park in legal spots on the street was left on the windshield of a student's car.

Feb. 20—Information—A student received six tickets for repeatedly parking in the front drive.

A spring break turned sour by a moose

Following is a first-person narrative of one student's spring break. By Nina Forsberg.

Last year while studying abroad, I went skiing in Northern Sweden for spring break. There were eight of us, two cars, and thirteen hours of driving to get to the mountain. After twelve hours in the car, it was 3 a.m. and the roads were twisty and foggy. Suddenly, we stopped.

The lead car, a little Volkswagen, had hit a moose. It had just been standing in the middle of the road around a turn. During the collision, it flew through the passenger-side windshield, where my friend Johanna was sitting, and bounced off. Shards from the windshield got into Johanna's eyes. We called the police and waited for the ambulance and a hunter to meet us there in the middle of nowhere.

After an ambulance took her to a hospital, the rest of us continued to our cabin. They were all released the next day. As I picked moose hair off Johanna's coat, she said she could see again (her contacts had saved her) and was ready to get snowboarding right away.

Luckily, everyone was okay. Sadly, neither the moose nor the car made it. The break turned into a lot of good skiing, but a moose shouldn't have had to die for that. So, it was a little bittersweet.

The horror of moose abuse. COURTESY OF NINA FORSBERG

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Weekly life!

"Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep."

-Fran Lebowitz

Hip hop lyrical energy engulfs Garden Room

By Dan Russo
Weekly Staff Writer

Photo by Scott Swartz

DJ Static Select dropped a beat as the members of Jedi Mind Tricks took the stage. In seconds, the Philadelphia Hip Hop group was feeding the crowd an intense mix of rhymes and rhythms. For hours, other MCs and turntablists had been wetting people's appetites. Those who stuck around to the end craved a musical main course. The headliners didn't disappoint.

Back stage, organizer Matt Power-Koch '01 reflected on the force which took control of the Garden Room last Friday, "This is raw lyrical energy. It's for people who appreciate Hip Hop." The concert, which was the first of its kind at Muhlenberg, featured five acts. The work of 25 student volunteers made it possible.

Technical difficulties delayed the start until about 10:30 p.m. Muhlenberg's Triple Threat teamed up with Hartely Goldstein 03' to kick off the show. The four rappers had DJ Ep (Alex Epstein '02) and Scott Laughlin '02 on drums backing them. The first performance featured original lyrics mixed with beats from popular songs. At one point, Hartley battled in a competition, pitting his beat-boxing abilities against the drums. By the end of their set, the homegrown talent was successful in warming up the microphone. After the first act, the crowd began to thin out gradually. Hardcore Hip Hop fans and curious newcomers stayed.

Next, Rex, an MC from Boston, took the mic. He was joined by DJ Elliot Ness. Rex's style was a bit slower, and spiced with an angry edge. For some songs, Rex rapped accapella. The absence of a background melody emphasized his words, and gave his approach a different flavor from the rest of the performers. After Rex, Boston based R&B singer Nancia appeared and changed the pace for a while by singing a few soulful love songs.

Virtuoso, a rapper and producer from Cambridge, Mass., performed next. He took pride in displaying his talents. He encouraged the audience to challenge his free-styling skills with a test. People handed him random objects such as a cigarette lighter and a hat. He then spontaneously

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'Crucible' bewitches audience

By Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

Students and patrons left the Baker Theatre with a new perspective of the Salem witch trials, following the MTA's main stage performance of Arthur Miller's The Crucible. The Miller drama brought the audience to the forefront of the Salem witchhunts of 1692 and the horrible events that followed. In addition to the historical content of the play, the emotional and physical relationships between the characters are key to the effects to the accusations of witchcraft.

The play revolves around the actions of a number of young women who are accused of witchcraft by the church, a noticeable force within the civilized world and the court system during those times. At the time, the reasons for the illness and hardships falling on many people seemed so incomprehensible to the simple person, that witchcraft and other unknown supernatural causes

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Photo By Jed Baker

Question of the Week: *What campus life issue should the new council president address?*

"The social scene at Muhlenberg has moved from on-campus frats to off-campus bars, which implicates drunk driving, fake IDs and APD involvement."

-Brooke Lore, '03 and Katie Kapson, '03

"I think that the lack of school activities over the weekend needs to be addressed. It gets kind of slow around here, so I think that's an area important to address.

-Ian Rose, '04

"I don't understand how the college can build two new buildings last year and two more this year, and still not be able to fix the heat on fourth floor of ML."

-Natalie DePaul, '03

"I feel that the alcohol enforcement on campus should be decreased so that students are not inclined to drink and drive."

-Karsten Grinderslev, '02

Compiled by Bill Lees

Off Duty: Action Station Chef

By Melissa Carrelli
Weekly Staff Writer

life! on campus

PHOTO BY ABBI SHAROFSKY

Everyone looks forward to Tuesdays and Fridays in the GQ because they are pasta days. You and I know the chef as "Gene, the pasta guy." He is the young man dressed in a white chef uniform who stands behind the action station and politely asks, "What would you like?" as he fearlessly tosses around the pasta in the mixing sauces, and adds the desired ingredients. Students respond raising their voices over the sizzling sound of the pasta, "red sauce!," or "white sauce!," or "with meatballs!," or "with vegetables!" These choices alone, and in combination are just a few of the "pastabilities" that Gene can whip up for the hungry students that wait in line to place their orders.

He has a knack for being able to quickly conjure up delicious pasta dishes for those on the go.

On a more personal level with Gene, I first asked him what his full name was, (since most of us just know him as "Gene") and he replied with a chuckle, "Gene Siegfried." So for those of you who were wondering, there you have it. Gene, 23, has been living in Nazareth, Pa. all of his life. The commute from his home to Allentown is about an hour, which makes late morning shifts much easier to handle.

He is the young man dressed in a white chef uniform who stands behind the action station and politely asks, "What would you like?"

Gene first took interest in cooking during his later years in high school, and recalled his first memory of cooking an omelet. Up until then, his grandfather was the main chef in the family, and was famous for his delicious soups and chilis, which he provided for the family, as well as various restaurants. His grandfather's gift for cooking is Gene's inspiration for wanting to become a chef.

After graduating from high school, Gene went to culinary school at the Pennsylvania Culinary Art Institute in Pittsburgh. After the two-year program, he already had a job lined up working as a sous-chef at an Italian restaurant called Stefano's in Belfast. He worked there for three years, and you can guess what food he worked with while he was there. That's right, pasta!

This leads us to now. Gene has been working here since this past August, to begin the new school year. Although he mainly works with the recipes that Wood Food Services provides, a few of his own recipes include shrimp scampi and beef stroganoff. When asking, "what is your pasta specialty?" he hesitantly replied, "anything and everything."

When you can't find Gene working hard behind the action station, he is most likely preparing food for the Garden Room or catering for Wood. During time off, he likes to play and watch ice hockey (he is an avid Flyers fan), and enjoys hanging out with his friends.

In the future he sees himself happily married with children and owning a restaurant. He believes managing a restaurant will be challenging, but he is on his way to achieving it.

BS 2000: "Simply Mortified," Grand Royal Records
***Released*: Feb. 6**
***Check out if you like*: The Beastie Boys, that's about it**

Stephen Malkmus: "Stephen Malkmus," Matador Records
***Released*: Feb. 13**
***Check out it you like*: Pavement, Sonic Youth**

by Stephanie Clarke

I'm a little depressed about the state of new music this week. So I got to looking at what the critics are saying. Discussion seems rampant over recent solo projects from two of the most influential acts in college music history: the Beastie Boys and Pavement.

Let's go back to the early 80s. Okay, so maybe you weren't either literate or born yet, but somewhere in New York, three obnoxious B-boy frat guy parodies were pushing rap in the post-punk musical underground. They proved, industriously, that the do-it-yourself aesthetics of hip-hop and punk weren't too far apart (allmusic.com). Beneath their exaggerated lyrics, street beats mingled with sly metal riffs. Cut-and-paste sample techniques brought forth innovative sounds. While critics hurled and conservative action groups screamed, the Beastie Boys spent a decade making fun of themselves. They managed to pervade the mainstream while sustaining underground respectability. By the time the nineties came and went, it was clear that they'd led a musical overhaul with a genre-bending trend.

In the midst of this, early 90s rock 'n roll checked its head when a couple of guys called Pavement decided that music didn't have to be so structured...or so serious. They pushed for the legitimacy of art in smart-ass chaos. The oft-imitated band combined clever lyrics with off-kilter arrangements, winding melodies, and a predilection for distortion. It's pretty hard to a find a modern rock band today that won't mention Pavement as an influence. Although they were occasionally squeezed into awkward spotlight, as at Lollapalooza with ally acts like Sonic Youth and Beck, they never could find a mainstream pocket for their sound.

So how is a musician to proceed such a legacy he has created? Often critics hold artists too closely to the benchmark of their initial output.

While the Beastie Boys are still plugging, Ad Rock (Adam Horowitz) wonders 'what if' on his side project, BS 2000, with sometimes-Beastie-drummer Amory "Awol" Smith. Armed with drum machine, cheesy organ, and mis-matched sampling, Horovitz lets his imagination loose outside the Beastie formula. While you may not like it outright, if you are a Beastie fan, take an objective listen even if just to learn more about one component of the Beastie sound and where it may be headed. Similarly, legendary Red Hot Chili Pepper John Frusciante, has just released his own set of meandering guitar and lyric work.

While the previous albums seem most valuable to established fans of the root band, former Pavement frontman Stephen Makmus's self-titled LP presents an easily accessible regeneration of the Pavement sound. A listener unfamiliar with the band that broke, can find a stepping-stone here to the complex sound that surfaced a decade ago. Malkmus's wit is still there, but matched with a prettier, more polished sense of the off-beat.

'Berg favorite returns for V-Day

By Allison C. Curd
Life! Editor

Outfitted in a traditional red turtleneck that marked the spirit of Valentine's Day, Muhlenberg favorite Dave Binder jumped into the festivities in the Red Door. For the past 14 years, Binder has been entertaining students in the Red Door every heart day. Asked if he ever regretted not being with loved ones on Valentine's Day, Binder chuckled and replied, "I lost a few girlfriends because of you guys, but it's ok!"

His show this year featured a James Taylor theme. For years, people have compared his singing style to that of Taylor's, pre-empting him to concoct an entire show in dedication of Taylor.

Binder kicked off the show by singing one of Taylor's famous tunes, "Love Songs." He incorporated a biographical journey into Taylor's life with many of his songs. The audience learned how Taylor became interested in music and the experiences that led to the writing of many of his recognizable songs. Although not an admitted favorite among the college audiences, students found themselves singing along and even making requests.

Binder heartedly encouraged audience participation saying, "sing along, we'll have a joyous Valentine's Day." He played such songs as "Gone to Carolina," "Rock-a-bye Sweet Baby James," and the favorite of the evening, "Fire and Rain."

Students swayed and laughed to the song, "You've Got a Friend," feeling it was quite fitting for a college audience. "Whenever I See Your Smiling Face" was a tribute to Taylor's daughter and Binder sang it with much enthusiasm.

The audience clapped and sang, creating a very upbeat atmosphere. Binder excited the audience with a song he penned especially for them entitled, "Another Valentine's

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Enthusiasm for rappers

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created lyrics based on what came at him.

Aside from performing, Virtuoso runs Omnipotent records. He used his resources to put out his album "The Voice of Reason." He also promotes other Boston area musicians, including Nancia. Power-Koch's friendship with him helped put Rex and Nancia in the line up. Virtuoso explained his passion for his art, "I'm drawn to all music because I think it's the most powerful form of expression. Hip Hop is interesting because it's so obviously influenced by every other kind of music. People sample from everything. I like the diversity."

After Virtuoso, Jedi Mind Tricks charged on stage and delivered a memorable set. The group is currently on tour promoting their new album "Violent by Design" on Super Regular records. The group has been gaining ground in Philadelphia's underground Hip Hop circles.

DJ Ep described the music scene that fueled the concert, "It's the total opposite of mainstream, but people who go to underground Hip Hop shows are very dedicated. The artists may not get as much exposure...but they do a good job." According to counters at the door, almost 400 entered the Garden Room Februaruy 16. "I think the turnout was good, but I was disappointed that a lot of people didn't stick around until the end," said Power-Koch.

Some spectators who weren't necessarily into the music supported the unique nature of the concert, "It's not really my thing," said Student Activities director Becky Grace. "I mean, I like the Beatles, but students have different tastes."

Volunteers received $5,000 in funds from the Student Activities budget. "We should do other events that are cross cultural. Hip Hop is a culture. For Muhlenberg, [a concert like] this is new," said Saara Marte '01.

Binder entertains

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Day." It detailed his long Valentine's Days spent solo.

At the conclusion of his program, Binder performed some requests including "Song for Anne," "Seven Drunken Nights" and "Old Faithful Companion." He finished the program with the audience favorite, "Love is Where You Are." This song is an original written by Binder and is featured on his "Plum Island" CD. Binder finished by speaking with students and peddling his three CDs. Binder will be back to perform in October for next year's Parent's Weekend.

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Fri.-4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 10:20; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:15
Monkeybone
Fri.-5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-2:00, 5:00, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-2:00, 5:00, 8:10
Down to Earth
Fri.-4:30, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 7:45
Sweet November
Fri.-4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-1:20, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.-4:30, 8:15
Recess: School's Out
Fri.-4:50, 7:00; Sat. and Sun.-12:45, 2:45, 4:50, 7:00
The Wedding Planner
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.-1:40, 7:40, 10:10
Cast Away
Fri.-4:00, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 8:00
Saving Silverman
Fri. and Sat.-9:20; Sun.-8:40
See Spot Run (Sneak Preview)
Sun.-2:00

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

Monkeybone
Fri. and Sat.-12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00, 12:00; Sun.-12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:30, 10:00
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Cast Away
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The Pants (student band)
Saturday - 11pm - 2am Seegers Lobby

horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries
One of your friends is having a tough week, so do something sweet for them. Try thinking of something that you know they will enjoy.

Taurus
Talk to that person that you have had your eye on recently. Put your fears aside and go for it!

Gemini
As February comes to a close, you are pretty bummed that you don't have plans for Spring Break. Keep your eyes peeled for new opportunities.

Cancer
You get stressed out very easily. Try taking everything in stride. Remember what is really important in your life and try to maintain that mindset.

Leo
New opportunities will arise for you. Take innitiative and grab these opportunities.

Virgo
You have been dying to see the world, but being stuck on campus is making that desire nearly impossible. Take advantage of local, yet interesting places.

Libra
You have sadly given up your New Year's Resolution of losing those five pounds, because you just don't have time to eat right during the year. It's not too late to begin that resolution.

Scorpio
You are going to have to ask a friend for a fairly large favor this week. Remember that sometimes there are things that we just can't handle alone, and that's when we turn to a friend!

Sagittarius
You have a lot of work and many commitments this week. Budget your time wisely and get a moderate amount of rest.

Capricorn
You are very hard on yourself. So try to accept the fact that you will never be perfect in everything, but also recognize those things in which you excel.

Aquarius
The cold weather has been really getting you down. So, take advantage of those days when the sun is shining, and do something outside.

Pisces
You have been jealous of your friends lately because they seem to receive many opportunities. Keep your eyes and ears open for the next two weeks, because life is going to throw several amazing opportunities your way!

Crucible opens to public tonight

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were the reasons towards everyone's problems. The performances in The Crucible accurately portrayed that these witch trials had on the state of mind of many citizens within the colonies.

Sophomore Matt Kelley plays John Proctor, one of the main characters. Proctor, a farmer gets involved in the trials via the church's accusation of his wife, Elizabeth, played by Kelly Howe.

Emily Abruzzi plays Abigail Williams, whose feelings for Proctor darken her soul and lead to many bad things in Salem. She tempts the young women of Salem towards unholy practices and dance. Their actions lead to a lot of turmoil in the town.

This turmoil leads to brief hysterical paralysis of some of the girls, and this in turn leads to unjustified charges of bewitching. Witchcraft accusations increase and many women of Salem are charged as witches.

Both Kelley and Howe give the audience a real feeling of true love in the Proctor family. Proctor's undying support and love are apparent through the hard times endured at the courthouse. Abruzzi's performance of a vindictive women can make the audience's blood boil in hatred over her hurtful motives of adultery in the Proctor's residence.

Jarad Benn, as Rev. Parris, shows the qualities of a stern God-fearing man who looked at anything unexplainable as evil and from the Devil.

Rev. Hale, played by Tyler Ault, provides the one reasoning voice of the cast. Much like a well-informed representative of the people, he tries to balance the feelings of the church with the laws of simple reason. Ault's portrayal of Hale is impressive in the way he acts as the town's religious and scientific counselor, but also as a simple man with thoughts about the motive of people in a cynical world.

For any history and political majors in the audience, students can see the symbolism and the analogy between the Salem witch-hunts and the anti-McCarthyism of the 1950s.

Directed by Francine Roussel, The Crucible is key in giving life to Miller's drama involving vindication and the unexplainable. The Crucible is not only a drama about the Salem witch trials, but also rather a means to the end of tyranny and the supernatural.

Biorhythm demonstrates versatility

By Melissa Carrelli
Weekly Staff Writer

life! review

The rock bands Biorhythm and Juliet played this past Saturday night in the Red Door. Campus Christian Fellowship sponsored the two bands and a dance. Juliet, a local Allentown band, was invited to open for Biorhythm before the main band took the stage. Both bands were new to the Red Door scene, and paved their way into the stream of bands that have been performing throughout the school year.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

John Simolike on vocals and guitar, Matt McGlaughlin on vocals and bass, and Mike Fraclose on percussion complete the freshman trio, who call themselves Biorhythm. Fraclose also plays percussion for the freshman funk rock band SHUMI.

Biorhythm played with acoustic guitars and bongos for the first half of their performance, and switched to electric guitars and drums for the other half. By dividing their performance in this manner, the audience was able to see both the peaceful and aggressive sides to Biorhythm. The band included their original songs, as well as cover songs. Their version of "Low Light," and incorporation of "Elderly Woman Behind a Counter in a Small Town" into their composition "Broken Ballad," by Pearl Jam revealed the band's soft spot for Pearl Jam's music. A few of the other songs they covered included "Come Undone," by Duran Duran, and "Motion Picture Soundtrack," by Radiohead. A powerful cover performance of "Crazy" exhibited the boys' true singing and instrumental talent and seemed to be an audience favorite.

Biorhythm's taste in a variety of rock music, and their versatile changeover from acoustic to electric is what inspires them to perform well.

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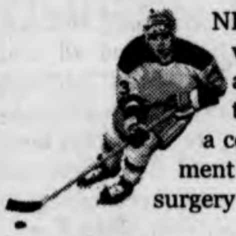

NHL: New York Rangers goalie Mike Richter will miss the rest of the season after tearing a knee ligament Monday during a 4-2 victory over Chicago. An MRI exam revealed a complete tear of the anterior cruciate ligament of his right knee. This injury will require surgery once the swelling goes down.

NASCAR: Dale Earnhardt Sr., a seven time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion died on Sunday. During the Daytona 500, his Chevrolet Monte Carlo collided with Rusty Wallace's Ford Taurus in the final lap of the race. As the group of cars came through the fourth turn, Wallace's car either tapped the rear of Earnhardt's car or the cars were running close enough that the air was taken off Earnhardt's spoiler.

It was enough to send Earnhardt rocketing from the bottom of the track up the entire width of the speedway and slam hard into the outside wall. Earnhardt was the 27th driver to die at Daytona since it opened in 1959 and the first Winston Cup driver to die since J.D. McDuffie at Watkins Glen in August 1991. His 76 victories rank sixth on the all-time list and he had 281 top-five finishes in a 26-year Winston Cup career. Earnhardt was the first driver in NASCAR history to win Rookie of the Year honors (1979) and the Winston Cup title (1980).

NBA: Sixers center Theo Ratliff had surgery Wednesday on his broken right wrist and will be out for another month. Ratliff's wrist was placed in a cast for two weeks, but a second MRI revealed it had not healed adequately. He was originally expected to be out two to four weeks.

Baseball: Gary Sheffield is demanding a new contract or a new team. This is the latest crisis in a string of trouble for the Los Angeles Dodgers. The six-time All-Star said he wanted a trade to the New York Yankees, New York Mets or Atlanta Braves. Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone has already tried to deal the slugging outfielder. The Dodgers offered Sheffield to the Mets for either Mike Piazza or Edgardo Alfonzo, but the NL champions weren't interested.

Golf: Joe Durant shot a final round of 65 to win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic by four shots over Paul Stankowski, also setting a PGA Tour scoring record. Durant took control of the Hope classic with a 61 in the second round and bogey-free golf on the final two days. Durant broke the 90 hole PGA Tour scoring record of 35 under set by Tom Kite in 1993 when he made two birdies at the 16th and 17th hole finishing with a PGA record of 36 under.

Men's b-ball loses close game to Ursinus

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

Photo by Scott Swartz

Aaron Holden added seven points in the close loss to Ursinus.

Despite some late game heroics, the men's basketball team fell to Ursinus College 81-79 in an overtime thriller. The Mules rallied back several times to force the game into overtime, but the Bears' Rory Young sank two free throws with 1:22 remaining to seal the Ursinus victory.

The loss left the Mules and Ursinus tied for first place in the Centennial Conference Eastern Division with identical 7-6 conference records. However, Ursinus won the tiebreaker and received the first seed in the playoffs since they defeated the Mules twice this season.

The Mules found themselves trailing by 11 at the half, yet continued to claw away at the Bears lead. A Michael Barletta lay-up with 0:22 to go in the second half knotted the game at 76, forcing the teams to go into overtime.

While the Mules quickly took a three point lead early in overtime, Ursinus' Rich Barrett, the Centennial Conference's all-time leading scorer, nailed a three pointer to tie the game. Young's free throws eventually gave the Bears the lead for good.

"The loss was tough," Junior Michael Barletta stated. "But the important thing to take from this is we still finished tied for first, and we still made the Centennial Conference playoffs."

Barletta finished the game with 14 points, including the basket that sent the game into overtime. Jon Strom added a double double, scoring 11 points while pulling down 11 rebounds. Mark Lesko, despite having to temporarily leave the game due to a bruise on his forehead, led the Mules with 25 points. His performance kept alive his streak of scoring double figures in every game he has started this season. Yet as a whole, the Mules struggled from the field, converting only 35% of their field goals as compared to Ursinus' shooting percentage of 51%.

"The loss was upsetting. The shots we normally hit just weren't falling. But it's important to remember that we aren't out of it," the sophomore Toomey Anderson remarked. Anderson scored 8 points on that afternoon, including two shots from beyond the arc.

The defense played strong, holding Ursinus' most prolific scorer, Rich Barrett, to only 12 points during the contest. The Mules also played very disciplined basketball, committing only two turnovers the entire game.

The loss drops the Mules to 7-6 in the Centennial Conference and 13-11 overall. As the second seed in the East, the Mules will square off against Western Division champion Franklin & Marshall. As the higher seed, F & M will host the Mules in Lancaster.

"We are going to be ready for F & M," Barletta stressed. "We are going in with the same approach we always have, to play good defense. We need to play well as a team and be able to stay focused."

If the Mules defeat Franklin & Marshall, they will face the winner of the Ursinus vs. Gettysburg match up in the second round. For now, the Mules need to focus their attention solely on F & M, the team that defeated the Mules 64-52 on December 2nd in the CC opener for both teams. The game is different in the playoffs, and the Mules will look to hand out some revenge in the opening round contest.

"We will be ready," Anderson promised. "We need to shutdown their leading scorer, Alex Kraft, and force him to take some tough shots. But we feel we can win on the road, and if we play the way I know we can, we feel confident that we can win the game."

Through the Lens:

Indoor Track & Baseball

Track members prepare for the Centennial Conference Championships to be held at Haverford this Friday and Saturday.

"We're extremely optimistic. Last year both men's and women's came in last place last year. We feel this year we have made so many improvements. We feel we are going to do extraordinarily well according to last year. People are going to be extremely surprised how we're going to finish."

-Brad Hackett
Head Track Coach

Baseball team members warm up as they prepare to face Randolph-Macon this Saturday.

Softball begins season in Florida

The returning Centennial Conference champions look to repeat last year's success with a much younger but still very talented and experienced team.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The softball team hopes to celebrate a championship season.

BY CHERYL GODFREY
Weekly Sports Writer

The pop of the glove, the smack of the bat and the reverberating echoes of the female voices in the gym—this only brings to mind one group of people—the Muhlenberg softball team.

After winning the Centennial Conference and then reaching the NCAA Division III softball playoffs, the team is back, aiming to add another title and another berth in the playoffs.

Although the team is young with only 3 juniors and no seniors, Coach Gibbs admits that the seven sophomores and eight freshmen are "talented and possess a lot of knowledge about the game of softball."

Gibbs also maintains that "we're much deeper than we've ever been." Hoping to gain experience for the younger players, Gibbs and her team will travel to Orlando, Florida over spring break to participate in the Rebel Games.

The team will play in six games against teams as far west as Loras from Iowa and as near as Walsh, Mt. Union and Heidelberg out of Ohio.

Along with playing softball in Orlando the ladies will visit Disney, the Island of Adventure and an Atlanta Braves spring training game.

Following their spring break trip, the group will play in tournaments in the month of March at Salisbury State and Montclair State.

Asked to contribute her take on the prospects of the season, Lori Blanchfield, a junior tri-captain, admits, "we have a really young team this year. Although we are so young, we are looking for positive results."

"Being close off the field helps you play even better on the field," shared Blanchfield.

Agreeing with this, Angie Tyson, also a junior tri-captain, admits, "having talent and team chemistry can only be good for our team."

Last year's team had won the CC championship with an incredible 14-2 league record overcoming an early season record of 2-14.

They reached the NCAA Division III championship for only the fifth time and the first since 1992.

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Wrestling takes 2nd at CC's

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he feels this could be the year he turns things around.

"I've been fortunate enough in my freshman and sophomore years to be able to experience nationals and now I know what to expect," Cathey says.

"It's frustrating not winning the tournament because that is what people remember."

-Tyler Cathey

He also added that since the Mules qualified four wrestlers for nationals, there will be "a sense of team unity and support" at the championships.

In his senior year, McLean will be making his first trip to nationals. McLean won the 141-pound weight class by wining a major decision over Cory Falgowski of Johns Hopkins (14-5). In the final, McLean got a victory over Ursinus' Josh Moyer on an injury default. It marked the third time that McLean has defeated Moyer on the season.

The Centennial Conference Championships marked the end of a wrestling career at Muhlenberg for the two seniors, Dan Ochoa and McLean. Ochoa has wrestled all four years for the Mules. McLean returned to the team after taking two years off and has been "instrumental in the success of the team" according to head coach Tom Schleicher.

The wrestling team will be looking to next season when they will try to build on the momentum from this campaign. This was the Mules' best season in recent years, as they set many school records and won the Centennial Conference dual meet title, a task that "is a lot more difficult than winning the conference tourney," says Cathey.

With the team only losing two seniors, and able to attract new talent because of its rise to the top of the Centennial Conference, Schleicher says that the next year's wrestling squad will be able "pick up where we left off".

Women's basketball looks back on disappointing loss

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offs."

With the loss, the team finished 10-5 in the Centennial Conference and 14-10 overall. Muhlenberg finished second in the East Division of the Conference after having won the Division for the last five years.

Having been a Mule for four years, O'Neill commented on the nature of this year's team saying, "We didn't get worse. The competition this year was just better." She acknowledged that inconsistency was "a big part" of the Mules' up and down season, but added "some games we didn't pull it together and that caused us to lose."

According to O'Neill, during practices this week, the Mules tried to forget the Ursinus loss and "look at the playoffs as a new season."

They opened the postseason against Johns Hopkins in Baltimore last night. The Mules have faced Hopkins in the Conference Championship game each of the last five years.

Although the Mules did not win the East Division for the first time in five years, Smith still feels fortunate that the team has the opportunity to participate in the postseason. "You don't get anything for winning the East. We're just fortunate to be one of four teams playing at this point," said Smith.

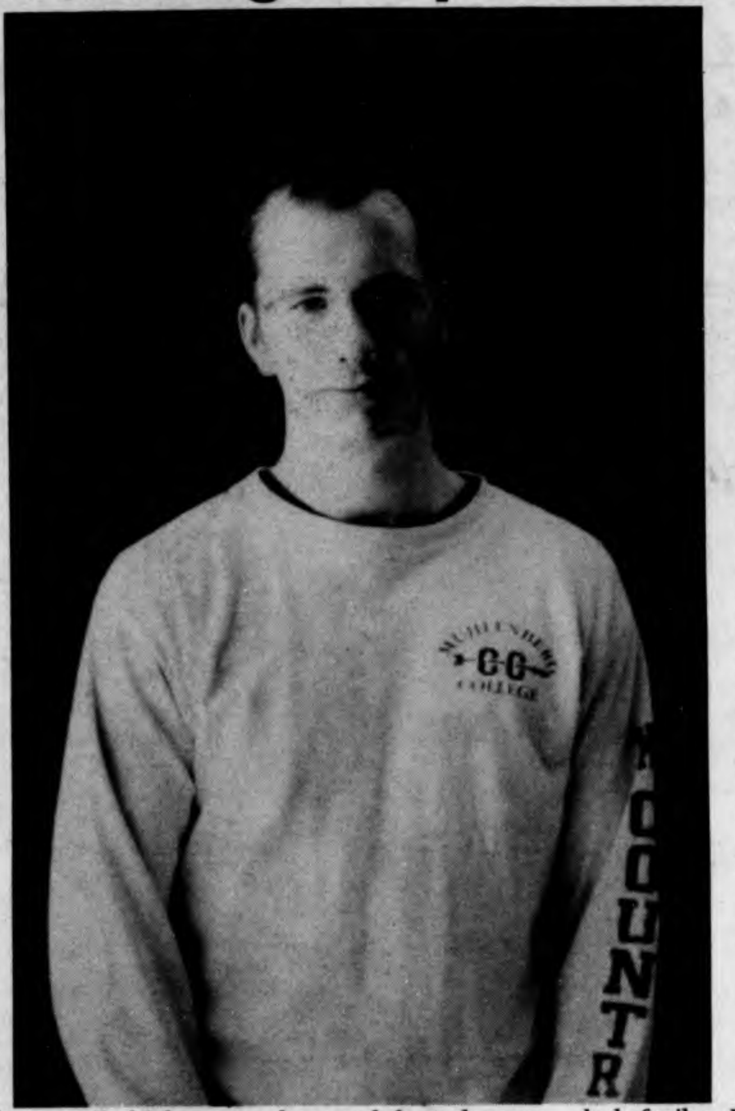
PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Freshman Amber Nelson looking for the pass from a teammate. She has a total of 60 points this season.

Profile of a Mule

Holden focuses on training and performing his best

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer



Sophomore track runner Robin Holden cannot take credit for breaking the most school records or being the fastest on the team. However, he is proud of how far he has come and where he plans to go with the program.

Holden began running track his freshman year of high school when his history teacher recruited him because he fit perfectly into the junior weight class . A lot of his friends were involved with the sport so he continued with it.

Holden had his expectations set on a Division III school because he thought it would best fit his athletic abilities.

He chose to come here because "the coaches were so much nicer and, when I stayed for an overnight I had a much better experience at Muhlenberg."

The transition for Holden was one that took much dedication. "In college you have to run a lot more miles. Everything seems much faster. Now every meet that we have seems like a high school state meet. This is definitely a big change."

Although such drastic differences were difficult, he was happy with his personal shift in mind and body. "After the first half of the season, I got so used to running the added miles and doing all of the extra work," says Holden.

Now that he has become accustomed to the ways of college athletics, he has focused on a particular aspect of running. Currently he runs long distance, mostly at 3,000 and 5,000-meters as opposed to the 800-meter that he ran in high school. He feels that these longer distances help him "gain more endurance and speed for the future." Holden thinks that he could gain more leg speed through practice and training.

One of his biggest strengths is that he has "pretty good endurance." He can now "run long distances at a much better speed than before" and is "getting faster, but slowly."

Teammates and coaches are other positive aspects of the Muhlenberg track program. Holden states, "Brad Hackett is an amazing coach. He has the program going in the right direction and I don't see that stopping anytime soon. Everyone on the team wants to win so bad so I really think that we will be successful."

As for the off-season, Holden admits to running a great deal of miles. He states, "It's a lot different in the summer. Here at college everyone pushes everyone to do well. When we go home in the summer, we have to push ourselves to do our best, so it's tough." He feels that he does well by constantly setting goals for himself and when he breaks them, he sets more.

Another positive aspect of going home is the personalized schedules provided to the team members from the coaches. For example, over the winter break Coach Welles Lobb sets up a specific program for Holden and the other distance runners. He comments, "He definitely helped me with giving me programs that are specially geared towards me and what I need to work on. There isn't a generic routine that we all have to follow and I really like that."

Outside of Muhlenberg athletics, Holden has decided to major in Business with a possible concentration in management or marketing. After college he would possibly like to go to graduate school and obtain his M.B.A. In his spare time, Holden loves to watch movies, work outside and also enjoys learning history.

The Mules will participate in the Centennial Conference Championships tomorrow, which Holden will be competing in, and also have a meet against Haverford on Saturday.

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Wrestling team takes close second at CC Championships

Four wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The wrestling team won the CC Dual Meet Title with a season that broke most wins (17), and consecutive wins (11).

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules came in second place at the eighth annual Centennial Conference Championships. Despite setting the school record for wins in a season with 17, setting a school record for consecutive wins in a season with 11 and winning the Centennial Conference dual meet title, the Mules came up four points behind Western Maryland at Gettysburg last Saturday.

Western Maryland had nine out of their ten wrestlers place and led the field with a score of 84 to become Centennial Conference Champions for the second year in a row, and the third time in the last four years.

"It's frustrating not winning the tournament because that's what people remember," said Junior Tyler Cathey, who was one of four Mules to win their weight classes.

The Mules finished with a score of 80, while Ursinus (58.5), Johns Hopkins (46), Gettysburg (44) and Washington & Lee (39.5) rounded out the field.

The eventual winner of the 2001 Centennial Conference crown was not decided until the decision in the 197-pound weight class. Junior John Slokovitz fell in the consolation final to Travis Allred of Ursinus 3-2. Chris McNally of Western Maryland was the champion of the weight class, and clinched the championship for the Green Terror.

Even though the Mules did not win the Centennial Conference Championships, they still had four wrestlers qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships. The Mules had the most weight class winners with four, compared to three for Western Maryland, while Ursinus, Gettysburg, and Washington & Lee had one a piece. Senior Jason McLean (141 pounds), Juniors Bill Holsinger (149), Cathey (HWT) and Sophomore Nate Yeasted (133) all accomplished this feat. Last season, the Mules only sent two wrestlers to nationals.

Yeasted won his weight class on his way to earning Most Outstanding wrestler of the tournament. He entered the Championships with only two pins on the season, but he added two more on Saturday. He opened with a pin of Nick Alley of Western Maryland in 2:46. In the finals, Yeasted got his second pin of the afternoon when he defeated Brian Frank of Johns Hopkins in 2:42.

Holsinger also swept through his weight class. He had two pins before winning his decision over Mike Macey of Western Maryland (8-3) in the final match of the 149-pound weight class. Holsinger improved his season record to 37-4 and will be heading to the nationals for the second time since joining the team. Last season, Holsinger took third place at the Centennial Conference Championships and was not awarded an invitation to nationals.

Cathey continued his undefeated season by winning two matches. He improved his record to 19-0 with victories over Karol Gryczynski of Johns Hopkins and Ursinus' Mike Kochler. Cathey will be going to nationals for the third consecutive year. At his two previous appearances at nationals, Cathey struggled. He failed to win any of the four bouts that he has wrestled in at nationals in his collegiate career. Cathey is much bigger, stronger and healthier this year than in the past and

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Women's b-ball wins 8th straight home game

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's basketball rallied from behind to defeat Swarthmore on Feb. 14, to winning their eighth straight home game in Memorial Hall.

The Garnet have not won in Allentown in 18 meetings. Swarthmore jumped out to an early advantage, leading the Mules by the score of 13-8 early in the first half. The College cut the margin to one, but did not take the lead in the game until just over two minutes left in the when a lay-up by senior Jennifer O'Neill put the Mules on top 45-44. The Mules finished out a 10-0 run and defeated Swarthmore by the final score of 53-46. During the late scoring drive, the Mules held the Garnet scoreless.

O'Neill led the Mules offensively in the contest, posting all eleven of her points in the second half. Junior Lindsay St. Lawrence added ten points, while senior Jessica Drennan had eight points and 11 rebounds. Head coach Tammy Smith was proud of the Mules' come from behind victory.

"We trailed the whole game, went ahead with only two minutes left, and were able to hang on for the win," she commented. "The Mules' defensive effort is what sealed the game for them down the stretch." Smith added, "They played a great game at both ends of the court and were fun to watch."

The Mules did not fare well quite as well in their final regular season game, falling to the Ursinus Bears by the final score of 58-45. Only Drennan managed to reach double digit scoring putting up 12 points in the Mules' defeat.

O'Neill said, "We were a completely different team out there. I don't know what happened."

This loss was disappointing for the Mules as they were gathering momentum for the playoffs, but they are still optimistic about their situation.

Smith said, "The possibilities are there. More than anything, we're just hoping the Swarthmore victory will carry us into the play-

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Carol Shiner Wilson, Kristen DiLorenzo, Nina Forsberg and Albert Kipa celebrate at a reception in the president's office Monday. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Sophomores retain parking rights; space issues persist

Rate hike and new lots may be in store

BY ANDREW MAY
Assistant News Editor

Sophomores have retained the right to park next year, after months of debate over a proposal to strip them of parking privileges starting in two years. The College originally offered the proposal as a means for reducing the parking crunch in the area; it now must find other solutions to make up for those spaces.

However, a significant student outcry sparked the semester and a half long debate. The negative student response finally led the College to abandon the idea.

Despite the uncharacteristically large amount of students in the class of 2004, Student Council as well as the administration discussed ways to allow sophomores to park while keeping neighborhood residents happy.

Juliet Kholi, a member of Student Council, said that restricting sophomores from parking would be fruitless. "This is what we realized... [restricting the sophomores] was not going to help the parking problem."

"We just thought that at this school, if you want to go anywhere, you really need a car," Jodi Siegel, student body president, said.

Present at the meeting, which was held before spring break, were Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Admission Christopher Hooker-Haring, Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole, and Student Council members.

"If you tell students that you are going to take away their mobility for the first two years of their college experience, you're making yourself much less attractive," Hooker-Haring said. "If Muhlenberg were a college in a city where you have outstanding public transportation available, then I think the issue of access to a car becomes a much smaller issue."

Additionally, because the College advertises that it is a member of the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges, which allows cross-registration and shared

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Against trend, College expands its Easter break

BY MICHAEL GOLDSMITH
Associate Editor

Following eight years of complaints of the lack of an extended Easter Break, the College adjusted the academic calendar, including an extra day during the break.

For years, students and their families have voiced their opinions on the need for an extra day following Easter Sunday for students to return.

Academic calendars are changing within all of the Lehigh Valley colleges and universities.

Lehigh has also altered their spring semester schedule. The University's calendar committee released its recom-

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Five make final round for post-graduate awards

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

Four seniors and one junior are finalists for postgraduate scholarships, for which they competed nationally and await final decisions.

Seniors Nina Forsberg, Kathryn McCleary and Fawn Schoenberg are finalists for the Fulbright Scholarship, which is awarded to students who apply to work or study abroad. The Fulbright finalists have all been "fully endorsed" by the selection committee and "it's just a matter of placing them in institutions" in the countries they want to go to, according to Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean for Academic Life.

Last year, Kate Bartkus became the first Muhlenberg student to receive at Truman scholarship.

This year, Kristen DiLorenzo, a junior, is a Truman finalist. As such, she will sit for an interview this week that will ultimately determine whether she gets the award.

"They are looking for people who are committed to public service through public policy," Shiner Wilson said.

For the Fulbright award, the College nominated four students; three were selected

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Mr. Muhlenberg

Ten men will compete for the Mr. Muhlenberg award. They will be judged by a mix of students and faculty. Page 9.

Graduation speaker

Former Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell, now the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will be the keynote speaker at this year's commencement. Page 6.

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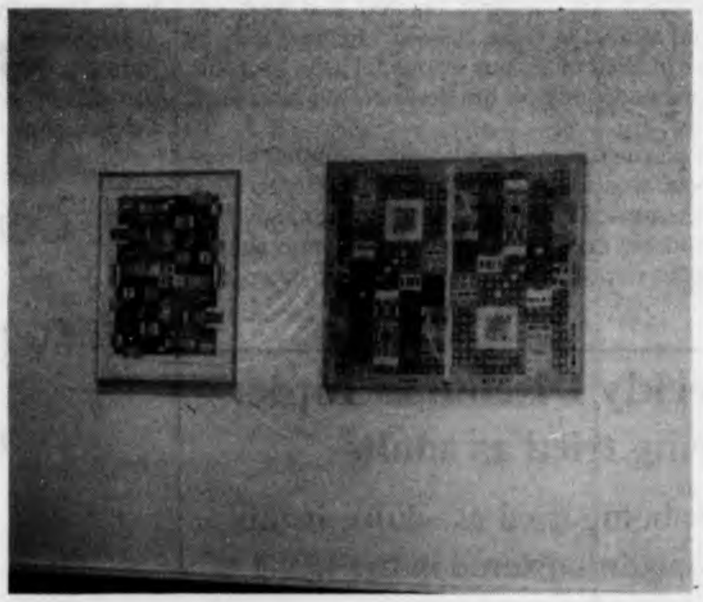
The indoor track team wrapped up its season with eleven school records and its best ever finish at Conference Championships. Page 16.



Beatrice Riese's "Art in America" display opened in the Martin Art Gallery Tuesday. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

McLean is first Mule to make All-American wrestling

BY JUSTIN DEUTSCH
Weekly Staff Writer

Senior Jason McLean became the Mules' first ever All-American wrestler, as he finished eighth in the 141 pound weight class at the NCAA Division III wrestling championships that were held at Wartburg College in Waterloo, Iowa.

McLean was one of four Mules who qualified for nationals based on performances at the Centennial Conference Championships. But he was the only one to make it beyond the first day of competition and to earn All-American status by finishing in one of the top eight places in his weight class. McLean went into the tournament thinking that he had

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The Weekly Review

ONCE AGAIN, ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HAD GONE ON A violent shooting rampage, this time at Santana High School, in Santee, California. The suspect, a freshman at Santana High, shot fifteen students, killing two, and wounding thirteen. This incident is only one of many high school shootings that have occurred in suburban neighborhoods within the last five years. Suburbia is no longer a safe haven for the well to do Americans searching for the safest communities in which to raise their children.

When we think of America, we envision a land that has been blessed with freedom, democracy, and with citizens who have the will to keep society free from the burdens that other countries have been battling with for hundreds of years. We think of the positives like public education, the stock market and the most efficient medical technology on the planet. Crime, murder and poverty rates in the United States are at an all-time low. Last week, however while many Muhlenberg students were sun bathing on tropical beaches, forgetting about academics, students at Santana High saw their lives flash before their eyes. One of their fellow students, armed with a handgun and a suitcase of emotional baggage, fired multiple shots into a crowd of adolescents. Thanks to another act of mindless violence, another community has lost two more lives.

As members of a college community, we are just as vulnerable to such an incident as any other educational institution. Next time you see someone who looks troubled, take a minute to ask him or her if they're doing alright. Take a risk, and get involved in a situation that has nothing to do with you. It could be that the individual isn't bothered with anything at all, but it's worth the extra trouble. Although it might not seem that way, you could be saving someone's life.

The government talks about gun control, and public school systems inform parents that security guards and metal detectors will now be part of their child's learning experience... but professional wisdom has left out something that is very crucial.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING EVERY SCHOOL SHOOTING INCIDENT, concerned Americans are fed the same old hogwash about the supposed prevention tactics and programs that will be implemented. The government talks about gun control, and public school systems inform parents that security guards and metal detectors will now be part of their child's learning experience. Psychologists and sociologists compile research pointing to evidence that the lack of parental supervision and familial unity is responsible for a large part of the trauma in the minds of violent teens. All this action could be extremely beneficial, but professional wisdom has left out something that is very crucial.

As everyone knows, middle schools and high schools are filled with people searching for their own identities, busy seeking acceptance from others, trying to swallow the knowledge that will take them on to the halls of academia. Competition, jealousy, anger, depression, diversity, and intolerance are all part of the teenage experience, and many are not yet mature enough to handle these feelings and social conditions in an appropriate manner. Therefore, we take out our insecurities on others. Students are mocked, taunted and beat up. Sometimes, no one is there to lend a hand to those in need. In every case of school shooting, the shooters were in need of serious emotional help. But this fact was never acknowledged beforehand, and now hundreds of lives have been scarred.

Forty years ago, society wasn't plagued by the fears of schoolchildren bringing concealed weapons into schools. Nowadays, school authorities try to allay those fears by installing metal detectors and forcing the use of see-through style backpacks. These methods are useful, but maybe the parental community should encourage their children to realize the importance of respect for each other, and for themselves.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: Juveniles being tried as adults

With twelve year-olds being tried as adults, is this how justice should be administered in the U.S.?

Those interested in contributing, contact Luke at Ltomanelli@aol.com

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DAN RUSSO

THE MARCONI EXPERIMENT, PART 2

The street-walker and the sap

The first hooker I ever met thinks I'm an idiot. Buying and selling sex on the street takes subtlety. I'm no good at reading between lines. It was a wet night. She stood on a corner holding an umbrella. The collar of a trench coat was pulled up against her face.

"Hey, do you want some business?" she whispered.

"What?"

"Do you want some business?" she repeated louder.

"Oh, you mean that business--" I pointed to a bar near us. "Yeah, that's a business. I think it's a pub."

"No, I mean do you want sex?!" she yelled, frustrated by my stupidity. "Oh, uh, no, thank you." I left, wishing the rain would wash away my embarrassment. Afterwards, I vowed that the next time I was presented with a similar situation, I'd recognize it swiftly and respond thoughtfully.

Current circumstances are corrupting the open environment necessary for scientific progress

Last month, scientists announced that they have mapped the human genetic code. Two competing organizations have completed maps. The National Institutes of Health (NIH), a public body composed of tax payer-funded research associations, has worked on the project since 1991. Celera Genomics Group, a private company, started three years ago. Celera caught up easily because the NIH continuously released its data on the Internet for free. Celera capitalized on the time and money it saved by developing faster data gathering techniques and technology to navigate the genetic map. The NIH originally predicted finishing in 2005. Competition sped things up.

At the race's end, Celera has a more detailed map than the NIH and a more efficient way to sort through the huge atlas of data. It created a search engine that allows scientists to quickly find specific genes they want to examine. Celera now rules the Biotech industry. Pfizer and many other companies bid millions to subscribe to Celera's gene database and its "point and click" style browser. Public research institutions like the University of California also pay.

Corporate America is a pimp prostituting human genes. Both gene maps are free on the net, but the browser, Celera's gold mine, goes only to subscribers. Celera shouldn't have unconditional rights to the browser and better map. Without help from the public sector, Celera wouldn't have these advantages. Furthermore, scientists working for the public shouldn't have to pay high rates for access to a better gene map or technology that helps them use it. Current circumstances are corrupting the open environment necessary for scientific progress and degrading humanity by selling our biological heritage without reflection or restraints.

Society must balance markets and morals. Governments should set limits on the commercialization of genetics. When businesses are allowed to profit, they should give proper credit. Celera owes the public. The company could repay its debt by giving public and non-profit research institutions cheaper subscription rates for their map and browser.

People must be aware of these developments and their consequences. Our genes shouldn't be exploited like breasts in a red light district. How much power should these companies be allowed? How can we ensure that the new knowledge and technology is used justly and in ways that benefit most of the world's population? Now's the time we should debate these issues and act. I made a fool of myself with the hooker because I didn't grasp what was in front of me quickly enough. Once I understood, I reacted badly. Humanity doesn't have to make the same mistakes with its genetic code.

(The background information for this article was taken from The Wall Street Journal, 2/12/01)

COME BACK FROM BREAK PISSED?

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FROM THE SOAPBOX

PRISCILLA BEGIN

For better or for worse, we are all in this together - humans and roundworms

From the human genome to ecological awareness, all life is dependent not on the whims of humanity, but on the preservation of a healthy earth. In the most roundabout way, all life and activities, from the smallest strand of DNA to the energy consumed by a radio blasting in an empty room, are interconnected.

Humans have long searched for the basis of life, the one unifying aspect that all living creatures possess, from the largest whale in the sea to the most minuscule insect. Chemically discovered in 1869, the structure for deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) was not determined until 1953 by two scientists named James Watson and Francis Crick. DNA is the unifying feature characteristic of all true life. Last week, a commercial genetic research company finally decoded the human genome. Although several organisms such as the mouse, fruit fly and laboratory worm have preceded humans in having their genome decoded, the human genetic code is the most anticipated.

The decoding of the human genome has evoked a string of unanticipated reactions from the scientific community. Before the human genome project was well underway, and even as late as November, 1999, geneticists were predicting the human genome to contain 100,000 to 140,000 genes. Based on the genetic makeup of the laboratory roundworm and the fruit fly, this estimation demonstrated the extreme complexity of the human in comparison to these two organisms. The laboratory roundworm, an organism that is composed of a grand total of 959 cells, boasts a genome that contains 19,098 genes. The fruit fly, slightly less complex than the laboratory roundworm, maintains 13,601 genes.

The estimate that humans posses at least five or six times more genes than the laboratory roundworm seemed like a decent number, by examining humankind's superior intellect, or studying our vastly complex nervous, digestive and endocrine systems,. Until the actual number of genes was discovered, scientists determined that the human genome contains roughly 26,588 genes, with another 12,731 potential candidate genes. Since the current gene-finding machines tend to over-predict the number of potential genes, most geneticists prefer to round the number to 30,000. The maximum number of human genes predicted by scientists is 39,319. Humans have only a little over 50% more genes than a laboratory roundworm. Geneticists around the world were shocked, with one scientist claiming that a near panic broke out among medical professionals when this number was confirmed.

Why is this number so hard to comprehend? Why do humans consistently maintain an attitude of extreme supremacy over all other biological creatures? Why do we refuse to acknowledge a common co-existence with the rest of nature? The fact that a near panic broke out with the announcement of the number of human genes shows a blatant human disregard and disrespect for nature. Geneticists' outrageous over-prediction of the number of genes in the human genome further affirms our anthropocentric view of nature. Why do we feel a separation from nature? Does not every organism on earth depend on a healthy biosphere to survive?

Humans experience this rift with nature because of our technological advances and perceived superior intellect. Humans, as well as laboratory roundworms, mice and fruit flies, have a common dependency on the environment. All organisms are not dependent on humanity's willingness to preserve the environment. If people continue to degrade the environment, then our sustainability will be threatened as well.

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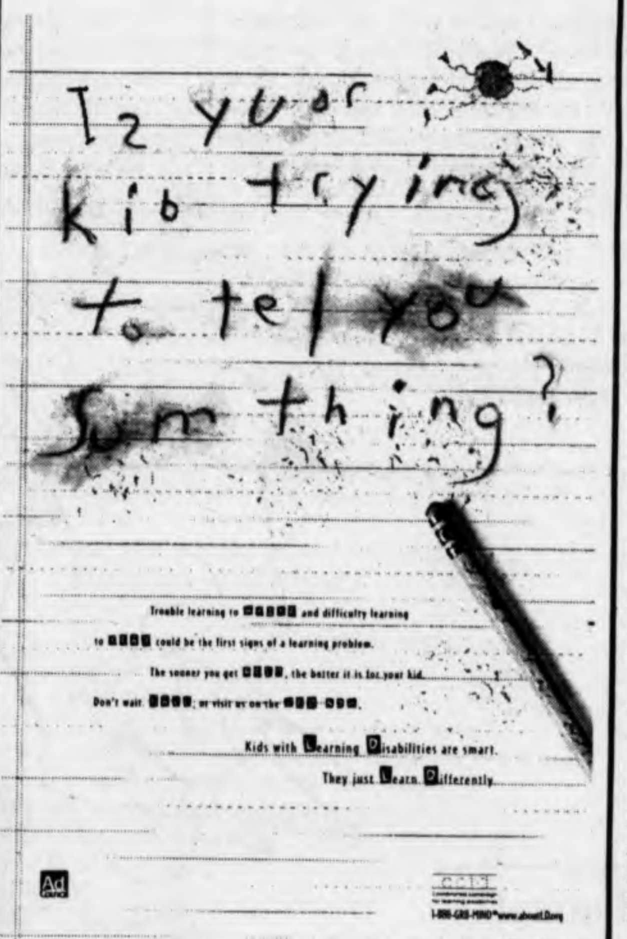
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Weekly Discourse: Vegetarianism

To meat, or not to meat?

Julie Ziff Sint
Weekly Columnist

Out of nowhere, I broke down and started crying. My fork, loaded with a hunk of pot roast, had dropped to my plate. It landed with a crashing clink, and the scent of the meat was teasing my nostrils from a foot and a half away - the flavor, the texture, the tradition. And yet I simply could not raise the fork to my mouth. And thus began my vegetarianism.

It's hard to say exactly what caused such a visceral reaction. Perhaps it was the sheer logic of vegetarianism; the environmental aspects (there is rationale ranging from pollution and energy to land use,) basic human rights issues (famine, malnutrition, and disease, on local and worldwide levels), animal rights (for which graphic descriptions are the only adequate ones), and even health (although I am one of those special few who might consider milk chocolate to be dairy).

I didn't look deep into the meat on my fork and think 'moo,' although the association for me would be more along the lines of medium-rare swiss-cheese burgers than animal rights. I didn't think about patches of Latin American rainforest being chopped away for grazing land, or about American-style factory farms with gigantic belches of methane coming from cows, confined their entire lives to pens not large enough for them to turn around. And at that point, I hadn't yet thought about the "if I could kill it myself" philosophy. Something in my body just couldn't take it. After reading about vegetarianism and its effects, something inside of me just clicked. And it clicked in my tear glands.

My goal is not to convert you. My goal is to make you more aware of your actions, so that you can make decisions which you feel are right. And it's not my place to impose my sense of what's 'right' on you - I can't always follow it myself. If I could, I would be vegan, but ice cream and cheese are altogether too palatable. Last semester I studied abroad and decided that eating meat would help enrich my cultural experience, so I did. In this article, and in my role in campus activism, my goal is to make you more aware.

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Think about the changes you would see on campus if every person walked through their days more aware; of what they consume and discard, of whether they are truly experiencing life, of how many people they make smile each day. If you want to find out about vegetarianism, environmentalism, or anything else, there's plenty of information out there, and common sense and awareness help oodles. If we all learn to watch ourselves and our surroundings, we can make real changes in the world. Watch the people you pass, watch all of your little actions, and think about the impact of each and every thing you do. If nothing else, you'll see the world around you through a whole new set of eyes.

Naney Grove
Weekly Columnist

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children (Native American Proverb). In this mindset, I advocate vegetarianism. Destruction of our earth by the meat industry is tragic. We can see this in numerous compelling statistics, a few of which I will share with you.

First, let us explore the issue of land. Grazing cattle requires much, much more land space than does growing vegetables or grains. For example, on one acre of land, a farmer can grow 165 pounds of beef, or that same amount of land can yield a whopping twenty thousand pounds of potatoes.

Pollution is another pressing issue in this controversy. In the United States, raising animals for food pollutes water more than any other industry. For example, livestock raised for food produces 130 times more waste than does all of living humanity. In addition, 30 to 100 million tons of methane gas are passed into our atmosphere by cattle every year.

Yes, these are only numbers, but sometimes numbers speak louder than words.

We have long heard about and lamented over the massive deforestation of precious rain forests. A major contributor to this travesty is our nation's demand for more fast food. With these demands, we contribute to the destruction of 125,000 square miles of rain forest every year, since these lands are cleared largely for cattle grazing.

A fourth consequence of the meat industry is the tremendous rate of water consumption. Growing meat requires exponentially more water than growing grains and vegetables. For example, producing one pound of beef requires 100 times more water than does producing one pound of wheat. Though we do not feel the pangs of water exigency here in the northeast, ask people in places like the midwest how scarce and precious water is.

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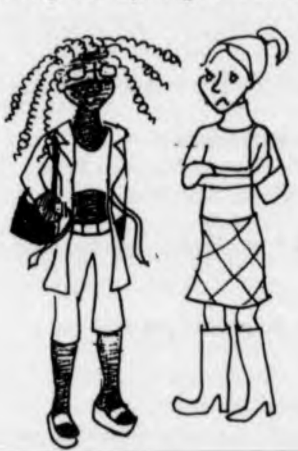
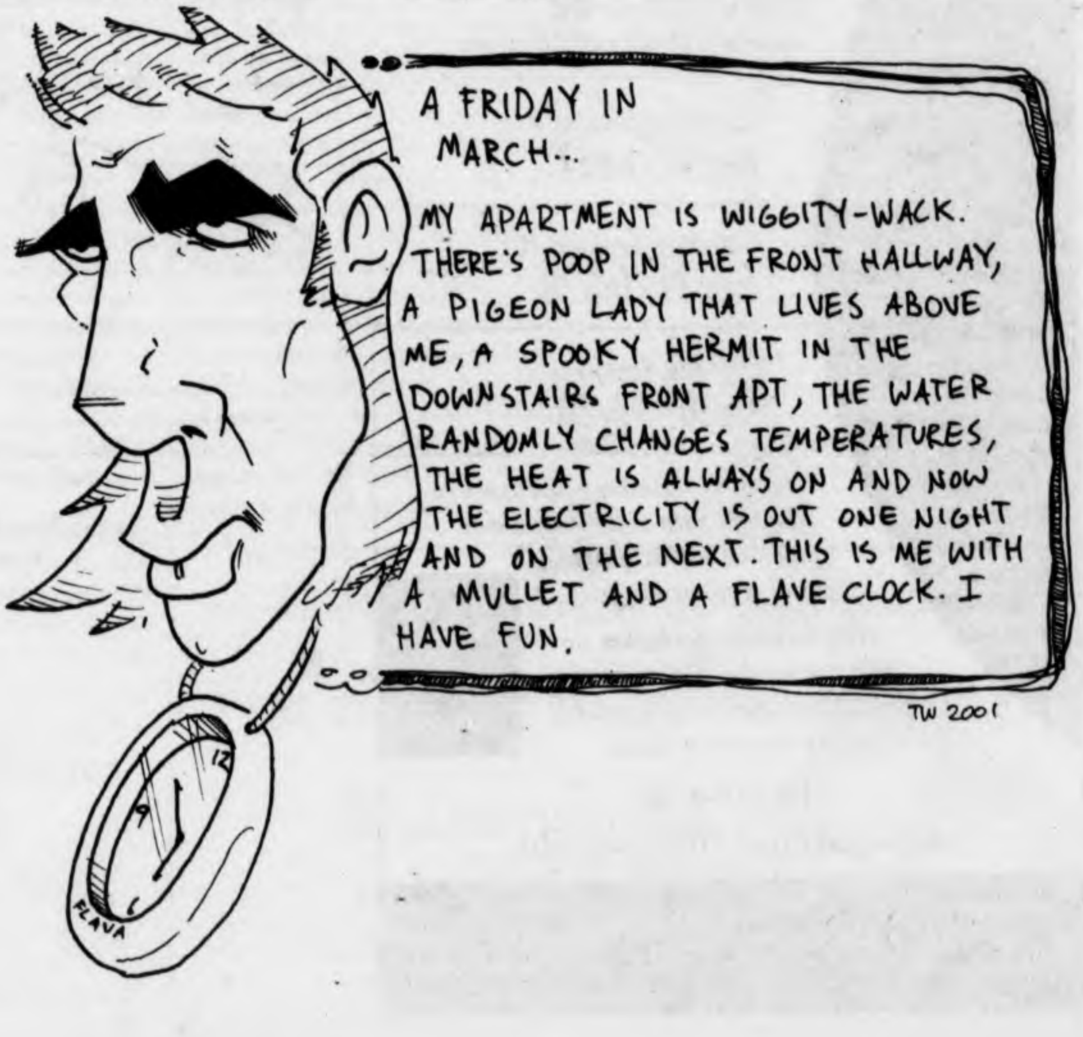
This list of meat industry repercussions could go on, but I will end with information about the fossil fuel expenditure. Our lives are extremely dependent on fossil fuels; it is tremendously significant that it takes 40 times more fossil fuels to produce one pound of protein from beef, than it does to produce one pound of protein from soybeans.

Most of us are at least somewhat concerned about the health of our environment. Committing to vegetarianism is one very effective way we as individuals can help save the earth. Some people in this world are subject to pressing situations and therefore need meat to survive. However in our society, we have the luxury of choice. Choose wisely.

Back on campus, it's quite obvious who went away for spring break and who didn't.

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Mixed reaction to Council mentoring proposal

Concerns on student advising

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

Student Council debated at its last meeting a proposal to create a big-brother program that would be designed to help freshmen in the transition to life at the College. The proposal was met with a mix of skepticism and support among Council representatives and has elicited a lukewarm response from the College, which is concerned that the proposal might interfere with the student advising program already in place.

Tyler Holmberg, president of the freshman class, and Michael Saratovsky, a freshman representative, discussed the issue in depth at the Council meeting before spring break. They said that they hope to institute a pilot program where they accept requests from the class of 2005 and place those students with upperclassmen with similar interests.

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>
> Carol Shiner Wilson

But the College is concerned that the program might compete with, or undermine, its student advising program.

"What we need to make sure we have is a system that is not fragmented," Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of Academic Life and the director of the student advising program, said.

Holmberg said that he does not want to complicate student advising and does not want to compete. He said that the program started when freshmen on Council looked into helping freshmen in their transition next year.

"My sense is that there are a lot of peer mentors," Shiner Wilson said, "to facilitate that transistion from high school to college." She cited resident advisors, student advisors, writing assistants and academic support tutors and added that "more is not always better."

"I think it's the quality of what we have." She would be receptive to Council's proposal "if there is a way this program can be designed so that it will be effective and will in a meaningful way complement other programs."

Much of the concern at Council was along these lines. Some members of Council, who are also student advisors, objected to the notion that student advisors do not keep in contact the whole year.

"You are a student advisor for the entire year," Saratovsky said.

"I think the student advising program is awesome," Holmberg said. "This is more of an addition—an aid to people who might have a tougher time or might need the individual relationship to get situated in the College."

Mat Wolfson, a freshman representative, said that Hillel has its own program similar to the "big Mule" proposal. He said that he received a post card during the summer and he had a contact person from Hillel once he got here.

"It's one on one, you know. It was so helpful to have an upperclassman to take me around," Wolfson said.

"I see the merit, but I think it's also forcing a friendship," Kristen DiLorenzo said. "I don't know how students would react to being reported on."

"People who are going to be in this program," Holmberg said, "will kind of want this friendship."

"I think this program is geared to, also, people who are kind of shy" and might not easily fit into campus life, Holmberg said.

Five finalists for post-graduate awards

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as finalists. For the Truman award, the College nominated two students and one was accepted as a finalist.

"It's a real testament to the quality of the student and the dedication of the faculty that walk through the process with them," Shiner Wilson said.

"It takes a lot of grit to write and rewrite the applications," she added.

Ed Rendell to speak at graduation

Former Philadelphia mayor and Democratic leader to give keynote address

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

Edward G. Rendell, a contender in Pennsylvania's gubernatorial race, has confirmed he will speak at Commencement for the Class of 2001.

Rendell was general chair of the Democratic National Committee during Al Gore's vie for the Presidency, and was mayor of Philadelphia for two terms, beginning in 1992.

As mayor, he brought Philadelphia from the brink of fiscal disaster, and gave a facelift to the downtown area.

He is known for providing many photo opportunities, and was named "American's Mayor" by Gore. Life-long citizen of Philadelphia, Senior Jenna Bates, is anxious to hear her former mayor speak at Commencement.

> *"He is a great public figure. He will have a lot to say about what the future holds."*
>
> Juliet Kholi

"Rendell is the best mayor Philadelphia has ever had. He brought in a lot of business, and really revitalized our city," Bates said. She emphasized that he is a talented fundraiser, which allowed him to secure his appointment for the DNC.

The Nominations and Honorary Degree Candidate committee of the College's Board of Trustees received recommendations for Commencement and Baccalaureate speakers from students, faculty, and committee members. According to the President's Office, Rendell was high on their list. The committee made the invitation, and he accepted.

Juliet Kholi, class of 2001 representative, said that although the class council did not list Rendell originally, she is not disappointed Rendell is speaking. "He fits in with the people we selected. He is a great public figure, and very personable and friendly. He will have a lot to say about what the future holds," she said.

Many and diverse speakers for the ceremonies will conclude and celebrate the class of 2001 graduation on May 20; Rendell only heads the list of those who will receive honorary degrees.

Holocaust survivor Rabbi Arthur Schneier will speak at the Baccalaureate service preceding Commencement.

He has been the spiritual leader of the orthodox Park East synagogue in New York City for 35 years, and founded the interdenominational Appeal of Conscience Foundation. This year, he was awarded the Presidential Citizens Medal at the White House, recognizing his work for international peace.

Local entrepreneurs Joel and Ruth Spira and civic leader Kathryn A. Stephanoff will receive honorary degrees at Commencement. The Spiras created their own species of Asian pears, and serve as executive board members of Lutron Electronics Co. of the Lehigh Valley. Stephanoff is a board member of the College's Institute for Jewish-Christian Understanding and the past president of the Board of Associates.

She was the Director of the Allentown Public Library and Allentown Library District Center, and is a trustee of the Harry C. Trexler Foundation. She was an officer in the Downtown Improvement District Authority, Lehigh Valley Hospital, CoreStates Bank Foundation, and the United Way.

GREEN CIRCLE – FACULTY/STAFF DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE ENVIRONMENT

Friday, March 16th 3 p.m., Moyer 104.
Topic: **For Posterity's Sake**

This will deal with "rights" and values.
Exactly why do we value children; nature; etc.
Is there a baseline quality of the world we'd like to preserve for future generations?
If so, what is it - and how is it justifiable?
What sort of lifestyle changes might be needed to preserve this world?
What should future generations be able to enjoy; what interests to remain pursuable?
How far can one's prudence and selflessness go?

All are open student-faculty discussions and the readings can be picked up from Susan Seip at x3016.

Friday, March 30, 3 p.m., Moyer 104
Topic: **The Threat to Biodiversity**.

What is the threat?
Wherein lies the root of the problem?
What biodiversity is valuable; how so?
In other words, what way is biodiversity to be valued, if at all?
Should we be concerned?
Is governmental preventative policy in order?
Are policy changes the only solution?

Friday, April 20, 3 p.m., Moyer 104
Topic: **Bioregionalism**.

What is the bioregional vision as articulated by Kirkpatrick Sale and others?
Why do many Americans argue it as necessary for the salvation of the world?
What are its implications?
How may I make an easy transition to becoming a bioregionalist myself?
At what point does bioregionalism move beyond mere patriotism, citizenship, responsibility, and careful consumerism?

OFF CAMPUS

Virgin Students -- An online survey conducted by virginstudent.com has found that one in five males and more than one in ten females are virgins. The study surveyed over 2,000 students and found that political science and economics majors have had the least sex, with 28 percent saying they have had no sex since arriving at a college or university. But those same majors are most likely to believe that their relationships will last beyond college years (57 percent believe this). Additionally, ten percent of students classified pornography as a "totally essential" part of getting through college years. Sixteen percent of college women responded that pornography was repulsive and ought to be banned.

Brown University -- Richard Meister, a sophomore, fell out of his lofted bed in a dormitory room, hit his head on his desk and is listed in critical but stable condition. Though the fall was sustained at 2:30 a.m., he was not discovered until noon the next day. He underwent an emergency surgery when he arrived at the hospital.

Allentown -- There was yet another shooting Tuesday in the downtown area, as a man was shot three times in the stomach. The man was in his third-floor apartment building. About 17 people have been shot in Allentown in just over two months; three people have been shot already this week.

Washington Township, Pa. -- Christine M. Schweikert, 46, died in her hot tub Sunday night. Her husband came home and found her. The cause of death will not be determined until toxicology tests are performed, police said.

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Scattered Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 33	High: 50 Low: 31	High: 49 Low: 31

Sophomores retain parking rights

College considers rate hike and new lots

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library services, it must allow as many students access to those resources. Without personal transportation, it is nearly impossible to cross-register at another college.

At the meeting, options such as new parking lots, off-sight parking, shuttle services, raised parking fees, and strict enforcement of parking laws were brainstormed.

While discussing the concern of conserving green space on campus, Lupole explained "[we have to] identify space that is not highly used and see if it is conducive to any other use."

Kholi also discussed the students' role in formulating plans to alleviate the parking problem, and described a shuttle service, saying "the shuttle was one of our biggest ideas."

Conversely, Lupole displayed "reservations" about the idea. "I'm not sure they would take advantage of [the shuttle]."

While discussing freshman cars on campus, Lupole said that there would be the "same criteria for freshmen. Permits are given out on a medical or work related need." However, there are also freshmen who bring cars without permission, parking them on the street. Lupole feared that if sophomores were stripped of their right to bring cars, they would park them throughout the neighborhood as well, as the freshmen do now. The problem with this is that "neighbors could limit parking there to two hours."

"I think we have got to establish a realistic fee for registering a car,"
Christopher Hooker-Haring
Dean of Admission

A different solution to the parking problem, creating additional parking spaces, creates a new problem in itself--the reduction of green space on campus.

The College is considering two spaces for expanding its parking lots. One of them is the sand volleyball court next to the old ATO house, and the other is the area between Martin Luther and the already-existing parking lot. The problem with using the sand volleyball court is that it will never be able to be used again. If the area near Martin Luther is used, it will increase the noise right next to the dorms, and will force the destruction of trees.

Stricter enforcement of parking laws was also discussed. Booting cars that are illegally parked is an option. However, Lupole said that booting may not be efficient.

"Putting a boot on takes twenty minutes; taking it off takes twenty minutes, plus arguing with the person," Lupole said. "It could ultimately end up being an hour-long process and I don't know if I have the hour to do that."

"I think we have got to establish a realistic fee for registering a car," Hooker-Haring said. The higher price may discourage those students who have a car for "purely frivolous reasons."

Regarding a rate increase, Lupole said, "There were numbers thrown out. I don't think we're agreed on what a reasonable fee would be."

usiness Briefing/Bruce Cover Jr.

ayoffs and selloffs worry investors; stocks plunge

Wall Street had a disastrous day on onday, as many people saw large hunks of their savings and pension nds wiped out. The Dow Jones ndustrial Average fell 436.37 points and e NASDAQ fell 129.41 points. Monday's sses caused the NASDAQ to fall below 000 for the first time since 1998.

The Dow's 436.37 point drop was its fth worst point decrease ever. All eyes ow turn to Allen Greenspan and hope hat our economy's current state is bad nough for the Fed to cut interest rates by nother one-half percentage point. tocks bounced back a bit on Tuesday as he Dow rose 82.60 points to close at 0290.80, while the NASDAQ rallied 1.42 points to close at 2014.80.

Last Thursday, President George W. ush's tax plan passed the House by a 230-198 vote. The President is currently touring the country pushing his $1.7 trillion tax relief package. Since addressing Congress in mid-February, the President has visited a number of states he won in the election and support his plan. However, those states have a least one democratic Senator who may be opposed to the size of Bush's tax cut. The fate of Bush's plan now lies in the hands of the Senate. The Senate is currently divided 50-50 between parties. The democrats have proposed an alternate plan that they believe will do more for low income Americans. Wall Street investors want a tax cut immediately so that people will have more money to spend, and therefore give the economy a shot of much needed adrenaline.

In other news: On Tuesday, Motorola, the world's second largest cell phone manufacturer, announced that it will be forced to layoff another 7,000 workers. These most recent cutbacks have brought the company's total number of layoffs to 16,370 worldwide. The company said that the cuts were needed to keep phone prices down.

In February, American Consumers became increasingly conservative in their spending. On Tuesday the government reported that retail sales spending took an unexpected downward turn. This is the most recent sign that our economy is slowing, but luckily not at the disastrous pace that many experts feared. The Commerce department reported that in February retail sales fell .2%. This was disappointing because many predicted a .3% increase.

College expands its Easter break as other schools cut theirs

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mendations for a new academic calendar that includes eliminating Easter break in the spring semester.

The changes would take effect in the 2002-2003 school year. This change makes the Spring Break the only break in the spring for the university.

With no Discourse Day this spring, the College was able to extend the Easter Break.

"There are many principles that go into the planning of the academic calendar," said Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs. "Unfortunately, these principles are mutually exclusive and interfere with the planning."

Lael Schwartz

In contrast to the College's new academic calendar, Lehigh made changes toward their scheduling of events and holidays.

These changes were decided upon through the university's calendar committee.

Associate Dean of the College of Engineering Rick Weisman chaired the committee.

He perceived the rationale for abolishing the two short breaks in the spring to be the need to shorten the semester and eliminate some controversy.

"Spring semester was felt by faculty and even some students to be just too long," Weisman said in Lehigh's Brown and White.

Besides shortening the semester, Weisman said removing Easter Break was suggested as a matter of fairness to other religions who do not have off for their respective holidays.

In addition to the opinions voiced on campus, the College looked at other school's academic calendars.

Weisman said many of the decisions were made by looking at the policies of other Patriot League schools. "Most other universities don't have an Easter break," he said.

Under the new calendar, classes would end the last week in April, and exams would be for nine days after that.

There will be another nine days until graduation, which would generally fall around May 19 or 20.

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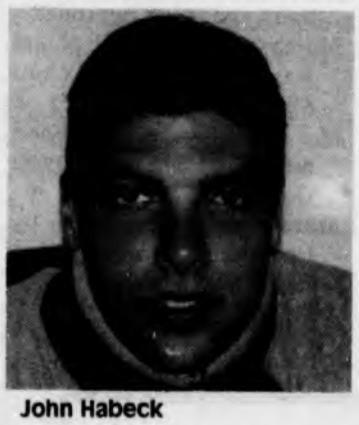
>
> John Habeck, Junior

Although this shortens "senior week," the earlier graduation date eliminates the problem of many seniors who have leases that end May 31 and nowhere to stay until June graduation.

The calendar committee is composed of a large group of representatives from each college and staff from other areas such as student life, the Registrar, Residential Services and athletics.


John Habeck

Registrar Bruce Correll said there is controversy among students over having a Christian holiday off, while not recognizing Jewish and Islamic holidays.

"What we've decided on for our calendar has everything to do with providing academic continuity," said Bill Johnson, Lehigh's Director of External Relations.

"Much greater academic continuity and our graduation eventually will be moved up so that it is not so far from the last day of exams, as is the case now," he added.

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Jamie Gluck

There were mixed reviews of the elimination of Easter Break at Lehigh. "I would be upset with the elimination of Easter Break and not having the opportunity to go home," said Sophomore Nicole Lomax.

"I think the students should have Easter Break," said Sophomore Jamie Gluck. "People should have that weekend off, as well as Passover."

"The break is a religious holiday for most people and also a time to spend with your family," said Junior John Habeck. "Students shouldn't have to rush back to school on Sunday away from their Easter dinners."

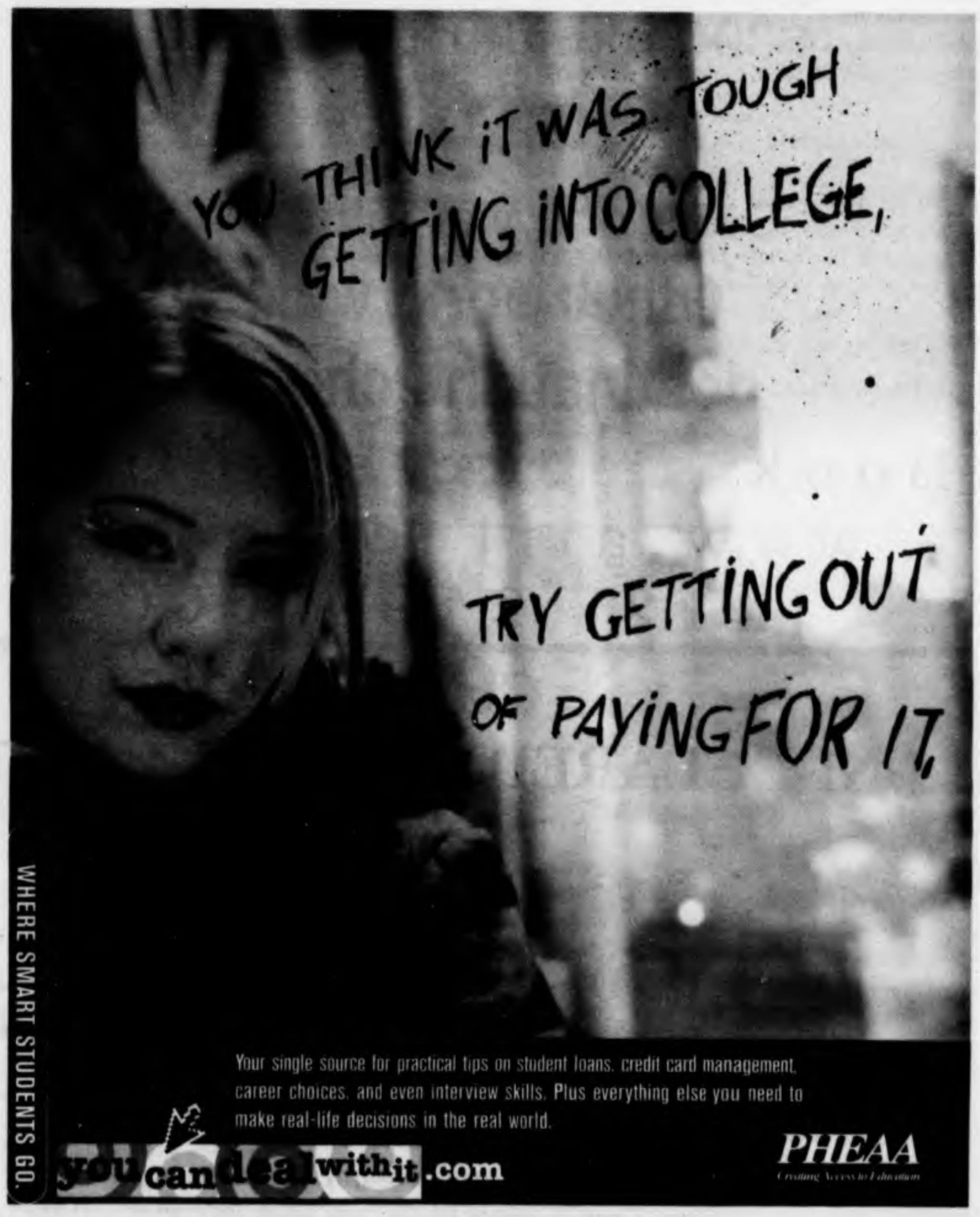
"I enjoy the long weekend with the extra day off and it's important for most students; it's definitely not fair to remove the break," said Senior Perri Magit and Senior Jennifer-Morgan Smith.

Perri Magit and Jennifer-Morgan Smith

"A school with religious diversity among the students should be open to the students and the holidays that they observe. Whether or not the holiday is an official day off, the faculty and school are very understanding for excused absences for religious holidays," said Lael Schwartz '01.

The College is very secure with keeping the Easter Break with the additional day to keep with the feelings of the students. "The College is inclined to work for the spiritual issues and accommodate all religious needs among the students," said Dretsch.

With the changes in academic calendars, the LVAIC cross-registration will be very difficult for the College due to the disparity LVAIC academic calendars.



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Campus Safety Notes

Feb. 20—Lost Keys—A faculty member lost keys to offices in Ettinger. New "cores" were made for the locks in the building.

Feb. 21—Suspicious Person—An 18-year-old was riding a bike in the 23rd St. parking lot and was told to leave.

Feb. 21—Fire Alarm—Steam from the shower set off an alarm at 432 Albright St.

Feb. 21—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off an alarm at 2442 Tilghman.

Feb. 21—Vandalism—A fire extinguisher box was broken in Prosser.

Feb. 22—Injured Employee—An employee tripped on the stairs in Seegers Union, causing an ankle injury.

Feb. 23—Trashing—Food was thrown throughout the first and second floors in Prosser.

Feb. 23—Trashing—The first floor men's room was trashed in Martin Luther.

Feb. 23—Sick Employee—A housekeeper got sick in the Public Relations office.

Feb. 23—Possession of False I.D.—A student was found to be in possession of false identification and was referred to the Dean of Students.

Feb. 24—Unauthorized Party—Residents of 2145 Chew St. were referred to the Dean for an unregistered party.

Feb. 24—Vandalism—A garbage can was overturned and trash was strewn in Seegers Union.

Feb. 24—Harassment—A student was issued an involuntary medical leave of absence after making harassing remarks.

Feb. 25—Vandalism—The mailbox in the back drive was knocked over but all mail was recovered and none was missing.

Feb. 25—Fire Alarm—A false alarm was pulled in Walz at 4:00 a.m.

Feb. 26—Vandalism—The bottom glass panel on the door to the Underground was broken, either with a kick or a pellet gun.

Feb. 26—Theft—Money and cue balls were stolen from the Red Door's pool tables.

Feb. 27—Fire Alarm—Cupcakes in the oven set off the fire alarm at 316 N. 26th St.

March 1—Intoxicated Person—One student was referred to the Dean for being intoxicated in Walz.

March 1—Solicitors—Three males soliciting shipping and storage services were told to leave. They were near Moyer Hall.

March 2—Vandalism to a Vehicle—A Campus Safety vehicle was keyed outside Prosser.

March 2—Theft—About $85 in cash was stolen from a wallet that was left sitting around in a G.Q. booth.

March 2—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off a fire alarm at 2241 Liberty St.

March 2—Criminal Mischief—Plexiglass on the message board in Prosser was smashed.

March 3—Harassment by Communication—A student in Prosser received a harassing message on an answering machine.

March 3—Vandalism—Glass to the storm door was smashed at 428 Albright St.

March 5—Injured Employee—An employee suffered a hand injury after dropping a weight on it at the Life Sports Center.

March 5—Breaking and Entering—Some rakes were damaged in the garage of a College-owned house.

March 7—Information— A student in MacGregor believes that a person has been entering her apartment and using her toilet.

March 7—Theft—A hall phone was taken from Shankweiler.

March 9—Fire Alarm—Food set off an alarm at 2202 Gordon St.

March 9—Harassment by Communication—A person called the College threatening that if there were any more chemical spills, the College would be shut down. The same person called back later announcing that a shipment of "dust" would be made to Phi Kappa Tau, Tau Kappa Epsilon, or Sigma Phi Epsilon. Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety, said that it was a "weird morning."

March 9—Insecure Area—A door was insecure at Tau Kappa Epsilon.

March 9—Possession of Stolen Property—In investigating the insecure door, Campus Safety discovered a stationary bicycle in the house that was stolen from the Life Sports Center last semester.

March 9—Vandalism—The security screen outside a window in MacGregor was bent.

March 9—Boisterous Kids—Several kids were rollerblading by the library and were given a verbal warning.

March 12—Vandalism—In the M.L. fire lane, the new posts supporting a chain were pulled up.

Council election schedule

Following is a schedule of student council election proceedings:

Nominations for office end, March 16.
Candidates' meeting, March 18.
Campaigning begins, March 19.
Platforms due, March 20.
Petitions due, March 24.
Last meeting for this year's Council, March 22.
Campaigning ends, March 25.
Elections, March 26.
Runoff (if necessary), March 29.
First meeting for new members, March 29.

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Weekly life!

> **"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it."**
> **W. M. Lewis**

Mr. Muhlenberg to be crowned tonight

Third annual contest will feature ten men and their talents

By Angela Kessler and Theresa Leinker
Weekly Staff Writers

Remember all the fun of last year's Mr. Muhlenberg contest? The guys in their swimsuits, the coffee-tea-and-biscotti song? Jay Mitsch '00 dancing in his underwear? Get ready for more fun, laughs, and anticipation, because today we're crowning the newest Mr. Muhlenberg.

This is the third year of the contest, which includes talent, formalwear and swimsuit competitions, plus a rigorous question and answer section. Our ten strapping young men are evaluated by six judges, all members of the faculty and student body. In the end, only one can walk away with the evening's highest accolade—the title of Mr. Muhlenberg 2001, a sparkling crown, and fun prizes.

Ten guys have accepted this year's challenge: Jarad Benn, Doug Folger, Ed Griffin, Ryan Hutchins, Tyler Holmberg, Dan Imbimbo, Andrew Poag, Chris Roberti, Robbie Saenz di Viteri, and Steve Soroka. Our hosts for the evening are Scott Norville, Kiersten Lyons, and Fawn Schoenberg. A special appearance by Mr. Muhlenberg 2000, Nate Pickowicz, is also in store.

Wondering which guy picked his parents as his hero? Which one's favorite book is *Superfudge*? One of these contestants would want to be invisible for a day, and another wrote his favorite quote as, "Relativity: Touch a hot pan and a second feels like an hour. Touch a hot woman and an hour feels like a second." Come and find out more about these guys, watch them display their talents, energy, and humor, and see who walks away as the big winner. This year will also have a surprise introduction, student performances, and a multimedia event.

PHOTO BY HARRA SANDROW

And the contenders are... **Back row: Steve Soroka, Doug Folger, Jarad Benn, Ed Griffin, and Andrew Poag. Front row: Chris Roberti, Robbie Saenz di Viteri, Ryan Hutchins, Dan Imbimbo, and Tyler Holmberg.**

What are the guys looking forward to the most? Dan Imbimbo '03, says he's most anxious about the talent section. "I'm going to sing and play guitar to an original song of mine," he revealed. There's at least one contestant psyched for the swimsuit competition. "I can't wait to show off my 145 pounds of bone-crushing diesel!" says Robbie Saenz di Viteri, '04.

Judges for this year include Student Body President Jodi Siegel, Student Council member Andy Kent, Glenn Gerchman, the new Seegers Union Director, Kim Yost of Alumni Relations, Melissa Falk of Admissions, and Chip Hurd, Assistant Dean of Students. MCTV will also be on hand to film the event and the Mr. Muhlenberg contest will air later in the month, complete with the behind-the-scenes scoop and personal interviews with the contestants.

Tickets will be on sale in Seegers Union for $2, or can be bought at the door for $3. The Mr. Muhlenberg show will be held tonight at 9:00 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

Question of the Week: *Did you go to your classes the Friday before spring break?*

"I did not go to class that day because I was not packed yet and I felt that that class should have been cancelled."
-Nicole Lomax, '03

"Yes, the foundation of learning here at Muhlenberg is going to class, and when I don't go I feel that I am cheating myself."
-Daniel R. Engelberg III, '04

"I didn't go to class because I don't have classes on Fridays - but I did go to my Thursday night class!"
-Sarah Kersh, '03

"No, I didn't go to classes on Friday. I had an exam that morning and it was my only class. So I took the exam on Thursday afternoon and trucked on home right after. Hey, I got to sleep till noon on Friday!"
-Jarad Benn, '01

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Off Duty: *Dattoli brings life to the LLC*

By Emily E. Pannebaker and Jessie Pepper

He's more than just the one that double clicks on the Spanish program that will teach you how to conjugate to the subjunctive.

Every student must be proficient in a foreign language, and Ettinger's Language Learning Center (LLC) offers a different technique for interacting with different countries and cultures in their native language. This is all kept under control by Joe Dattoli, who always greets students with a friendly smile, witty greeting, and a piece of candy or a pretzel. Officially, he can help you navigate through the plethora of computer programs in the Lab, and can duplicate videotapes and cassettes to supplement your classroom lectures.

Photo by Abbi Sharofsky

Dattoli was born to Italian parents in Raritan, NJ. Growing up, he was exposed to and learned some Italian words and phrases, which you might hear him throw around now and then in conversation.

He joined the Air Force from 1952-1956 during the Korean War, and then worked for 15 years as a Lab Technician in the science department of Bridgewater Raritan High School. He moved to Indianland, Pa. in 1989, the same year that he began working at Muhlenberg as the Language Lab Supervisor. He enjoys his country-like home and many acres of land, where he resides with his wife, Lois.

Dattoli's friendly disposition creates such a comfortable atmosphere in the LLC that students and professors enjoy stopping by each day just to talk. "Some of the people at Muhlenberg make me feel like they are an extension of my family," he says. Each day, he not only works with the 26 foreign language professors, but also interacts with work study students and assists the many foreign language students. "Working with young people makes me feel like a younger senior citizen," says Dattoli.

The most practical reward for working in the LLC is that Dattoli has mastered the computer software that will interact with foreign languages. The dedication to his job has made the Department of Foreign Language and Literatures run more smoothly. Senior Mark Millan, a work study student alongside Dattoli for three years, says that working with him and seeing him work with other students is uplifting. "Joe makes the LLC a fun place to be, to learn a language at your own pace. He adds character to an academic atmosphere," he explains.

Outside of Ettinger, Dattoli likes to travel, do woodwork, read about aircrafts, and landscape his home.

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Cropduster: "Drunk Uncle" We Put Out Records

***Check it out if you like:* Cake, The Rolling Stones**

By Stephanie Clarke

As the weather gets milder, rock n' roll gets catchier. Cropduster rock out of New Jersey with their first full-length album "Drunk Uncle." The title makes reference to intra-band pet names and their predilection for having a good time. With the Cropduster four, who claim housemate status as well, music and whim get lost in one another. "That was...all of us in the studio. It was a big party," says lead singer Marc Maurizi.

Sporting everything from bob your head, stamp your heels honk to spacy, distorted power chords and some good-spirited yelling, Cropduster are equal parts catchy and heady. Imagine a smart bar band with a spunk that's addictive. And a name inspired by The Grapes of Wrath. Cropduster croon about everything from not being a "People" person to looking for tacos and feeling vague.

Critic ears seem to be taking notice. "Nothin's Gonna Change" won the 2000 Musician's Atlas Independent Music Award for Best Rock Act. The celebrity panel of judges included such names as Ben Folds Five and Aimee Mann.

"Energetic, disillusioned punk-tonk from a gritty, crafty bunch of free spirits" says college music guru CMJ about Cropduster. I'd have to agree. In a word, these guys are fun.

Listen to Cropduster this Sunday, 10-midnight, on student-hosted Virgin Vinyl at 91.7 fm. Check them out live at the WMUH benefit concert April 18th at Crocodile Rock.

Wilkins jazzes it up

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

life! review

How do pop stars relate to Twinkies and Fruit Loops? Like junk food, these pop stars, such as N'SYNC, the Backstreet Boys, and Britney Spears, have no nutritional value or substance.

"Pop music is commerce first, music never. It's all disposable," expressed Skip Wilkins. "Today's culture is money-oriented. There's not much respect for the artistic method. Now jazz is a great art form."

Wilkins teaches jazz piano and keyboard improvisation and performs with the Wilkins and Allen Quartet. The quartet recently released a CD named *Petty Theft*. The making of *Petty Theft* has been a process, requiring years and years of preparation.

The quartet consists of Wilkins on piano, Jill Allen on flute, Tony Marino on bass, and Tom Whaley on drums. Grammy-nominated saxophonist David Liebman is featured in *Petty Theft*.

Wilkins began working with Allen while they both lived in Colorado. They had performed several gigs with the same band when they began to perform duos. Their first CD, *Two Much Fun*, was produced before they both moved to the Northeast.

Wilkins has played the piano for 28 years, beginning at the age of 12. Jazz is learned by listening to hundreds of recordings, tapes, records, and CD's, again and again. Jazz styles are copied, mixed, and jumbled by every performer.

Petty Theft is a collaboration of over ten years of work. Part of the work has been learning to work with each other, learning to read each other's actions and simply-playing. But a large part of the process is also writing the music. Wilkins wrote 4 of the

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life! movie listings

March 16-18

General Cinema Lehigh Valley

Exit Wounds
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50
15 Minutes
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:45
Get Over It
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:20, 9:40
See Spot Run
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—12:30, 2:50, 5:30, 7:50, 10:00
The Mexican
Fri., Sat. & Sun.—1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:35
Recess: School's Out
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—12:40, 2:40, 4:50
Down to Earth
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55
Hannibal
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:30
The Wedding Planner
Fri., Sat., & Sun.—6:50, 9:10

Midnight Movies (Friday and Saturday)
Exit Wounds, 15 Minute, Get Over It, The Mexican, Down to Earth, Hannibal, The Rocky Horror Picture Show

AMC Tilghman

Enemy at the Gates
Fri.—4:00, 7:10, 10:15; Sat.—1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15; Sun.—1:00, 4:00, 8:00
Exit Wounds
Fri.—4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.—1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.—1:50, 4:50, 8:15
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Get Over It
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Hannibal
Fri.—4:10, 7:15, 10:10; Sat.—1:10, 4:10, 10:10; Sun.—1:30, 4:10, 8:00
Chocolat
Fri.—4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sat.—1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sun.—1:30, 4:40, 8:10
Heartbreakers
Sat.—7:15

Cinema Paradiso

175 S. Third St., Easton
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Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon
Fri.—12:45, 7:30; Sat. & Sun.—2:00, 7:30
O Brother, Where Art Thou
Fri.—4:30, 9:45; Sat.—4:30, 10:00; Sun.—4:30
Quills
Fri.—1:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sat.—1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30; Sun.—1:30, 4:15, 7:00
Before Night Falls
Fri.—1:00, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.—1:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.—1:45, 4:15, 7:15
House of Mirth
Fri.—12:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sat.—1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sun.—1:15, 4:00, 6:45

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Palmer premieres latest films

'The Brothers Menaechmus' displays Muhlenberg talent

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Asst. Life! Editor

Ever wondered who makes the movies that we watch?

Right on campus is aspiring filmmaker Michael S. Palmer '02. Palmer has been making films for years, and is hosting "An Evening of Michael S. Palmer's Work" tonight and tomorrow night from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in Trumbower 130. He will show six of his films. Four of the films were made during a film class that he took at the University of Southern California last summer. The fifth film was made last semester while he studied abroad in London.

Most recently, Palmer decided to make a movie of The Brothers Menaechmus, a play by Greek playwright Plautus. He was inspired while learning about the play in his History of Drama class. The concept of the play has been recreated often. Even Shakespeare has used it, basing his well-known play "Comedy of Errors" on this concept.

This newest endeavor for Palmer has proved to be different than any other project he has done. He had never made a play into a movie, so his approach is more of a play on film and not a total transformation into a movie.

"I want to let the audience have a little fun with something that doesn't normally get produced."

While in London, Palmer had Brian Weiner '02 hold auditions and cast parts. The cast is entirely Muhlenberg students, except a student composer from California, who created original music for the movie.

In January, there was an intensive two-week rehearsal period and the second weekend back from break, the movie was shot. Palmer was the cameraman, without a tripod. Normally Palmer uses a tripod, so this was a risk he chose to take. After shooting the film, Palmer began editing takes and piecing the movie together. Palmer is excited about showing it to the student body. "I want to let the audience have a little fun with something that doesn't normally get produced."

Muhlenberg's first Asian Cultural Festival

Dance Beijing will be performing traditional Chinese dances in full costume
Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m.
Dorothy Hess Baker Theater, Trexler Pavilion

Parul Shah will be performing Indian Kathak Dance
with other dancers and live music
Friday, March 16 at 7 p.m.
Dance Studio, Trexler Pavilion

Martial arts demonstration by members of Bethlehem Kung Fu Center
Saturday, March 17 at 3 p.m.
Dance Studio, Trexler Pavilion

These events are sponsored by the International Students Association, Asian Students Association, Office of Multicultural Life, and the Lectures and Forums Committee.

All events are free and open to the public.

My Mac To-DO List:

March 15 - Mr. Muhlenberg, 9pm, Memorial Hall
Remember: $3 at the door, $2 in advance

March 16 - "Pangea", 8-11pm, Red Door
"Hurry Down Sunshine, 11-2am, Seegers Lobby
Freshman DIVE-IN movie (The Goonies)
10-1am, Pool

March 17 - Black Box in the Underground
Dynamics A'Capella Festival, 9pm, GR
BSA Pool Pary w/ Dance, 10-2am, Pool

March 18 - GRANDPARENTSDAY! - See Flyer From Mailbox

Call Siblings about Siblings Weekend March 30-April 1
- See The Other Flyer

horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries
Discipline is generally a characteristic you lack. As a result of the warmer weather and longer days, you must relax. Unfortunately, the semester is not yet finished and you still have quite a bit of work to complete. Therefore, every day take a few minutes to make a list of things that must get done. This should help you stay on task as spring warms the air.

Taurus
Your aggressive nature occasionally interferes with your ability to resolve problems with your friends. Therefore, rather than attacking the person with whom you are quarreling, try taking a more passive role.

Gemini
'he late night pizzas, trips to the mall, and lack of a job have led to the dwindling amount of money in your bank account. Rather than constantly calling your parents to help you, find a lenient job. Look at the bulletin boards in Seegers Union as well as in the various academic buildings.

Cancer
You find yourself always wanting more regardless of how much you have. To kick this bad habit, try to see how privileged you are in comparison to many other people.

Leo
You love to help people out, especially those whom you love. When it comes to settling quarrels you often find yourself in the dilemma of deciding who is right and who is wrong. Rather than believing the first story you hear, remember that there are two sides to every story.

Virgo
Your friends have recently discouraged your desires to try new activities and to meet new people. Listen to their advice, but do not live your life in accordance to the beliefs of others. Your friends are most likely jealous of your adventurous spirit.

Libra
You have never been one of those people who believes that dreams are important. However, it is very important that you pay close attention to your dreams for the next few weeks. This will enable you to find the answer to the question that has been plaguing you for nearly a month.

Scorpio
You are not an outgoing person, but you have never been placed in a situation where you have to be extremely social. However, this week you are going to find yourself among people who will expect you to not only be talkative, but easily approachable. While this may be a frightening, try to think of it as a way to prepare yourself for the "real world."

Sagittarius
You have not been getting along very well with your family lately. Rather than focusing all of your energy on this problem, try forgetting about it for a while. A fresh mind will enable you to see things more clearly.

Capricorn
You are a very compassionate person and you love to help people in need, but you do not see any use for this characteristic. Rather than wishing that you could truly share this compassion, try participating in some volunteer work.

Aquarius
You are very accepting of everyone but yourself. This low self-esteem has been making you quite depressed lately. While this is quite a normal problem, it does not mean that it cannot be easily cured. The next time you think of something about yourself, try to find something positive to cancel out the flaw.

Pisces
You have been experiencing a great deal of problems with your significant other. Rather than losing sleep over what you should do try to follow your heart.

'Petty Theft' available in bookstore

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7 pieces on the CD and Allen wrote 2.

"For a while, writing is 100 percent perspiration, but it's also 100 percent inspiration." To be able to write well requires years of knowledge and experience. The tools all have to be utilized at the right time when the inspiration hits. Moments of inspiration can happen at any time. The creative direction of writing, for Wilkins, is the piano. Being at the piano often helps Wilkins work out the kinks of writing jazz, even if the music is for more than just the piano.

Jazz music that is recorded for a CD is generally performed right from the music. Live performances are quite different. The performers may have music to look on to, but very rarely is that music followed verbatim. Jazz improvisation is a "musical dialogue. It's a learned language that requires a lot of knowledge and experience."

Written music is the structure of the piece. There are many open sections that can be as short as one chord. They are designed for improvisation.

"We get all these skills together and then forget them. They become second nature." Communicating with the other players is an essential part of improvisation. When a player is on a solo, a cadence of feeling needs to be created that tells the other performers that the music is ready to move on, in a very subtle way.

One of areas of piano that has been both a blessing and a cursing for Wilkins is teaching. He really started to play well when he started to teach more. It is very easy for a professional musician to forget the fundamentals of playing, but when teaching those things are never forgotten. "For me teaching and performing are one and the same. They really complement each other."

A record is a history of a moment in time, a way of playing. "A record makes a person feel very vulnerable. This is me, I did this. Hopefully there will be future records with relative frequency."

"Performing is taking risks and falling on your face sometimes." But this first nationally marketed CD for the Wilkins and Allen Quartet should hardly be a flop. Students interested in this "new big thing" can buy *Petty Theft* in the bookstore.

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April 12
Top 5 are notified and results are posted in Seegers Lobby

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Creative Corner - "No Vacancy" by Peggy Paul

I sit here,
Listening to the steady hum
of
The fluorescent light,
As it illuminates my tiny
space of sactitiy,
Catching in its yellow glow
The rude scrawlings --
The modern hieroglyphics
burrowed deep
Into aged wood.

I sit here,
Forcing my gaze to glossy
pages before me
From which philosphers
glare,
As if in warning -
To grasp hold of drifting
thoughts
That slowly float away.

I sit here,
Gazing at pregnant words
Etched in wooden permanence -
Plus signs and dates, initials
and names,
Random quotes and hopeful
poems -
words to fill the emptiness,
words with hidden stories -
Fading stories which remain
in tact,
Only on this wooden canvas.

I sit here,
My eyes sweeping over the
desktop before me,
My hand hovering furtively;
I search for an open space,
Half subconsciously,
And my pen dives to the
smooth timber,
And scratches deeply the
words:
"No Vacancy"

Golf begins 2nd season

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Playing in its second year of Varsity competition, the Women's Golf Team looks to make an impression on the Centennial Conference.

The team originated in the summer of 1999 and began competing in the fall of that year. The team was the first sport added to Muhlenberg's Varsity lineup since 1991 and it brought the number of Varsity sports at the College up to twenty-one.

In their first season of competition, the Mules played in eight tournaments. Their best finish was at the Dickinson Invitational where they finished third. This fall the Mules competed in three more tournaments. They finished third at both the Gettysburg Fall Invitational and the Western Maryland Invitational and placed second in the Muhlenberg Fall Classic held on Oct. 3.

Junior Kelly Hannon led the Mules at the Gettysburg Tournament with a score of 60 in a rain-shortened contest. Fellow junior Courtney Sessa shot a 97 to finish fifth overall. The team score for the Mules was 439. In their first ever home tournament, Sessa's 97 placed her third overall and Junior Jessica McCourt and Hannon also finished in the top ten.

The Mules have four tournaments on the schedule for this spring, the first of which tees off on Mar. 28. The College hosts the Muhlenberg Invitational on Apr. 9 at its home course, the Lehigh Valley Country Club.

Softball travels to Florida

Team leaves with a 4-1 record

By Cheryl Godfrey
Weekly Sports Writer

Over spring break, the softball team traveled to Florida for the Rebel Games and won four out of the five games.

"It's the best start we've had," relates Coach Ruth Gibbs.

In Orlando, the team played five out of six games scheduled, the second game being cancelled because of rain. The games started on Sunday, Mar. 4th with an opener against Concordia, Mich., and their closing game on Thursday, March 8th against Loras, Ia.

After winning their games against Concordia 6-0, Mt. Union (Ohio) 3-2, Heidelberg (Ohio) 6-5, and Loras 7-3, the team's sole loss was to powerhouse Indiana Wesleyan by a score of 1-0. Indiana managed to compile a record of 8-0 during the week.

Junior Angie Tyson, pitcher for the team, became ill on Sunday as a result of food poisoning and was unable to pitch against the Indiana Wesleyan team. According to Gibbs, Jess Crowley, a sophomore left-handed pitcher, "stepped in and did a nice job."

Recognizing the contributions of the younger players on the team, Gibbs admits that she is "especially happy how the freshmen stepped up." She cites as an example the efforts of Becky Toth, a freshman left fielder, who batted an average of .538 for the week.

Gibbs also notes that the team hit .319 overall, and she hopes that "we'll keep it going this weekend at the Salisbury State Tournament."

Baseball

Courtesy of Sports Information

The baseball team opened the spring season on Saturday, Feb. 24, with a doubleheader against Washington & Lee, but its bats remained in hibernation. The Mules managed only four hits in the two games, two by sophomore Justin Graf. Senior Seth Weinstein was the hard-luck loser in the nightcap, tossing a complete-game three-hitter. The Mules were shutout in both games.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, the Mules faced Washington & Lee again. The Mules broke out for five runs and 11 hits.

Junior Mike Morris had two hits, including his first career home run, a two-run shot in the fourth that followed an RBI triple by sophomore Ben Carr. Senior Marcus Mattielli and junior Steve Rohn also had a pair of hits apiece. Muhlenberg fell into an early 8-0 hole but battled back to send the tying run to the plate in the sixth.

Over spring break, the team managed to win 5 out of 9 games with margins as large as 16 runs.

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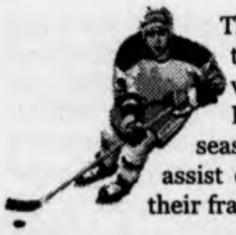
Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

March Madness begins with 64 teams. Win four straight games and you're on your way to Minneapolis. Right now, Arizona is hot with a recent win over Stamford. Arizona has won six straight games coming into the tournament. For the Women, Duke, Notre Dame, Tennessee, and UConn all received No. 1 seeds.



The San Jose Sharks finally pulled out of their seven game losing streak with a 3-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens. Evgeni Nabokov got his fifth shutout this season. He made 20 saves and earned an assist on Owen Nolan's goal. The Sharks tied their franchise record with their 35th win.

World record holder, Michael Johnson, will retire next year after Australia's Good Will Games. He is ending his career with 5 gold medals from the Olympics and nine from the world championships. He holds the world record in the 200 and 400 meters. The 33-year-old runner said he does not want to "be an athlete who didn't leave when it was time."

The 76's Allen Iverson, the NBA's leader in points, steals and minutes, might be sidelined for Wednesday's game against Chicago with a bruised left hip. On Sunday's game against the Boston Celtics, Iverson fell while diving for a loose ball after knocking it away from Boston Center Mark Blount. Philadelphia won against Boston 97-91.

Wrestling sends 4 to NCAA's

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something to prove. In his freshman year, McLean finished third at the Centennial Conference. Yet, his third place finish his first year was not enough to get him into nationals. He finished with 28 wins and only 10 losses as a freshman and then took the next two years off before returning to the team for his senior season.

With a 34-11 record this season, and a first place finish at the Centennial Conference Championships in the 141-pound weight class, McLean found his way to nationals.

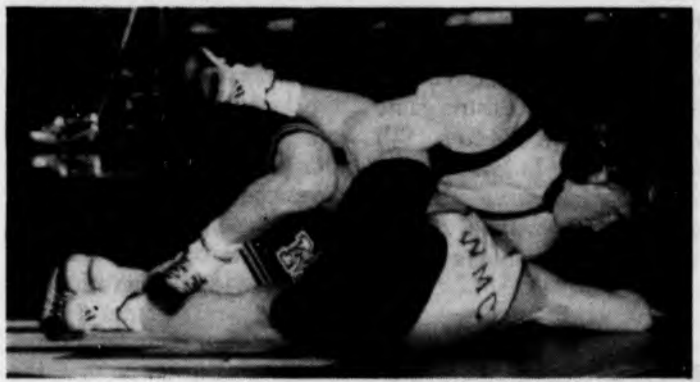
"I just wrestled the best I could," says McLean about his performance at nationals. "I thought I had something to prove, because I should have been there a long time ago."

After beginning with a loss, McLean was able to rebound and win his first two consolation matches on the first day of the tournament. In his first match, McLean wrestled against the number-one seed in the 141-pound weight class, defending champion Florian Ghinea of Montclair State.

Ghinea pinned McLean in 2:59. McLean then won two decisions in a row, including a victory over the number-two seed Tony Ganas of Wartburg College in a rideout, 2-1. On the second day of the tournament, McLean lost his first match, and then was defeated by Waynesburg's Shawn Whyte 4-1, which left him with the eighth place finish and All-American status.

"It means a lot, I always wanted to be the school's first All-American," says McLean.

"We are very proud of Jason's accomplishments. He earned the right to be an All-American," says Mules' wrestling coach Tom Schleicher, who in his fifth year as the coach of the team guided the Mules to a 17-6 overall record and a Centennial Conference dual meet title. McLean's performance, coupled with the fact that the Mules sent three other wrestlers to nationals was in Schleicher's mind, "a huge shot in the arm for Muhlenberg Wrestling."



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Junior Nate Yeasted was named Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Centennial Conference after pinning both of his opponents in the first period.

Women's lacrosse hopes to build strength and leadership from a very young team

BY LINDSAY BARAD
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules played four "mini scrimmages" at Loyola College, in Maryland on Sunday, Feb. 25. They beat Marymount and Dickinson and lost to Goucher and Mary Washington.

Head coach Kristen Stuckel explained that Sunday was a "very good outing for us. It was our first time going full field, a time for the team to get out some kinks and work together to see what else we need to work on for the rest of the season."

The scrimmages were a good opportunity for the girls to work together as a team, learning a lot about team dynamics and individual players. Stuckel also mentioned that she is happy with the energy and enthusiasm they demonstrated.

Although it will take time for the team to gel, she explained, "We are well on our way now. I am excited to get going with this program and show them new things I want to do and implement different." The adjustment of the players to a new coach is not as hard as expected, because of the large number of freshmen players. This season will be a rebuilding year.

Sophomore Lynsey Caldwell said, "we are really excited about this rebuilding year, we're excited to learn new things from a new coach."

Along with the new coach and new players, there are several returning upperclassmen. Coach Stuckel explained that the team has "a good core in upperclassmen who have been great in welcoming in the good freshmen, as well as helping them fit into the team." The support that the upperclassmen have been giving to the freshmen players has been adding to the enthusiasm and excitement that the team has.

"The upperclassmen have been making me feel extremely comfortable in joining the team, they are making an effort to make sure we all work well together," explained freshman Michelle Liss.

The upperclassmen are expected to play a good season along with the team as a whole. Last season, senior Miruna Lovin tied a Muhlenberg record with 69 goals. She currently leads the team with number of goals scored. If Miruna scores 42 more goals this season, she will be the all time leader at Muhlenberg. Stuckel also expects big things from upperclassmen Sara Weiss, Teresa Linardi, Maura Crossen, and Sarah Bowman. Caldwell had a great freshmen year in terms of scoring. The team hopes is looking to her to rack up more goals this season. Stephanie Ahrens will be in goal.

The team hopes to improve last season's 3-12 record. The Centennial Conference has strong women's lacrosse programs, at Ursinus and Gettysburg who will provide tough battles for Muhlenberg.

The team is enthusiastic about their beginning season. They are looking forward to coming together while rebuilding to become strong.

Players are eagerly awaiting their season opener against Keane on Thursday, March 15th.

Men's tennis hopes to utilize their strong core players

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victory over the University of the Sciences.

Last spring, the Mules began with seven consecutive victories to open the season on their way to a 10-4 overall record. The seven wins in a row was the third best start in team history. The Mules also went 6-2 in the conference, achieving their most wins ever in Centennial Conference play since it began in 1994. Over the past seven years, the Mules have finished eighth, seventh, tied for sixth twice, fifth, tied for fourth and second place in the conference in that order. This season they will be looking to take that next step and get their first conference champions for the first time.

Standing in the way between the Mules and the top of the Centennial Conference is Washington. The Shoremen have won seven consecutive Centennial Conference championships, and are two-time Division III national champions, having won the national championship in both 1994 as well as 1997. Washington has never lost against a Centennial Conference opponent, as they have won all 56 of their conference matches. The Mules will host Washington in a match on April 25. Depending on how both teams do throughout the season, this match could decide the 2001 Centennial Conference champion.

"They don't really expect to lose any matches. We'll just have to play well and try to surprise them," says Senior Robby Richman, who made the All-Centennial Conference first team singles as a junior. The Mules came close to sharing the title with the Shoremen last spring, but Washington defeated the Mules 6-1, spoiling their attempts for a share of the conference crown.

The Mules return all but one starter from last season and will have essentially the same team as last year's breakthrough squad. Richman and sophomores Brad Scheller and Cameron Parke led the Mules in victories a year ago. The trio became the first Mules to win 10 matches in spring dual-meet competition since 1990. Richman heads into his senior season with a 37-14-1 career singles record, including an impressive 10-4 mark last season. Double partners Scheller and Parke became the first Mules ever to reach a Centennial Conference tennis final at the CC Individual Championships. The Mules also have Seniors Mike McCormick and Mike Kimelman and Sophomore Matt Fleissig returning from last year's talented team and several freshman to round the squad. With an experienced team of returning players, Richman feels that the Mules will once again have a "strong lineup. Doubles will also be stronger."

The Mules have two home matches this upcoming week against Albright and Centennial Conference foe Johns Hopkins. They opened last year's season with a 4-3 victory over Albright to begin their winning streak. In Johns Hopkins, the Mules will be facing a tough opponent who handed the Mules one of their two CC losses last season. Richman, Scheller, and Parke all won their singles matches and Scheller and Parke won in Number 2 doubles, but the Mules didn't win any other matches. They lost 4-3 to the Blue Jays. This year, though, the Mules have a "good chance against Hopkins," according to Richman.

> *"We should have an excellent season. We'll be just as good as last season, if not better."*
>
> -Robby Richman '01

The men's tennis team has high hopes for this spring, the eightieth year of the men's tennis program. The team will try to improve on last year's campaign, when the Mules reached double digits in wins for the first time since 1941 and challenged for the Centennial Conference title. "We should have an excellent season," Richman believes. "We'll be just as good as last season, if not better."

Profile of a Mule

McLean earns All-American status by perseverance

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Senior Jason McLean knows what it takes to get to the top. Looking at his individual and team stories, we see how his recent All-American honor is one that is quite well deserved.

He began his career in wrestling in the middle school where he grew up in Plainfield, New Jersey. However, it was not until high school that McLean became very serious about the sport.

He attended a private boarding high school, Blair Academy, in northwestern New Jersey. Here, "losing was not an option. It was pretty hard not to want to excel." The program was rigorous and demanded a great deal of McLean's time and effort.

When he came to Muhlenberg, his intentions were primarily directed at playing football. There was a big turnaround when wrestling became the center of his attention and his biggest passion. Things were not always as simple and straightforward in this sport though. McLean hurt his knee during his junior year, which has hurt his wrestling ability. He also took the last school year off for personal reasons.

With all of these ups and downs, McLean knew that his senior year would have to be the time to excel and give the program all he had. There were other reasons for his decision to work so hard this season, as well.

One reason was the dramatic improvement the wrestling program has had throughout McLean's time at Muhlenberg.

He comments, "When I first came here, the team hardly had anyone. You basically wrestled for yourself because there wasn't very much team unity."

Now the wrestling team is a completely reformed program. Head Coach Tom Schleicher was the motivator for this reform. McLean says, "He really helped rebuild the program. We have lots of great kids now—tough kids, kids that want to excel. We are very team-oriented and everyone is a lot closer. Now we wrestle as a team and not only for ourselves now."

McLean attributes this to many reasons. He states that now there is better recruiting and a tougher schedule. The team has added many more meets to their schedule. Now they have the highest number of meets allowed as per regulations.

"We also had a new assistant coach, Coach Rizanki, who is really great. He wrestled at a Division I school in the past, so he was able to bring a lot of what he learned at that level of competition to all of us. He was very informed technique-wise, and really helped us out a lot. He took a lot of pressure off of the other coaches, so they could focus more on other important areas of the team," says McLean.

All of this newfound dedication and rebuilding brought him to the NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships, which were held on March 2nd and 3rd in Waterloo, Ia.

Prior to the tournament, McLean noted that he was "going into this whole thing kind of blind. We didn't know about who were are going to be wrestling; it still was yet to be determined." He said that in order to prepare, he was going to "try to stay really low key and not get too excited or over-anxious. Working on technique will really be key."

His preparation definitely paid off. McLean had a commendable eighth-place finish. He also earned the distinction of All-American, the first Mule ever to reach this honor.

Now that the season has ended, McLean shines with this meritorious award. The team also deserves much praise for its 5-0 record in the Centennial Conference and 17-6 finish overall.

As always, he is grateful to his family for all of the support that they have given him both in and out of sports. For now he will have more time to do the things he loves best, such as writing. When he graduates in the spring with a degree in Communication, he plans to go into the Marines where he has the ability to wrestle at an international level.

ESPN.com's teams to watch during March Madness

Favorite of the tournament:
Duke

Team on the rise:
Arizona

Top five sleepers:
Charlotte, Gonzaga, Providence, BYU, and Xavier

Five stumbling into the field:
Wisconsin, Georgia, Wake Forest, Syracuse, and Virginia

Five players to watch:
Gilbert Arenas, Juan Dixon, Jason Collins, Troy Bell, and Teddy Dupay

Five teams that helped their seedings: Iowa, Kentucky, Indiana, Oklahoma, Ole Miss

Five teams that hurt their seedings: Georgetown, Providence, St. Joseph's, Xavier, and North Carolina

Women's Basketball loses to Johns Hopkins 56-62

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's basketball season came to a disappointing end after a 62-56 loss to Johns Hopkins on Wednesday, Feb. 21. The away loss in the semifinals of the Centennial Conference playoffs ended the Mules' season sooner than they would have liked.

The Mules got into an early hole against the Blue Jays and never fully recovered. They trailed by eight points at the half and were behind by 15 points only five minutes into the second half. Muhlenberg went on an offensive run, closing the gap to four points, but they never got any closer to the Blue Jays than that.

Junior Lindsay St. Lawrence set the pace for the Mules with 18 points, five rebounds, and five assists. Junior Jenn Risley had 13 points while senior Jennifer O'Neill, playing her last basketball game as a Mule, contributed 12 points.

The loss against Hopkins brought the Mules' overall season record to 14-11 and their Centennial Conference Record to 10-5. The Mules will lose four players to graduation this spring: O'Neill, Captain Jessica Drennan, Val Uras, and P.J. Schwartz.

While the Mules will lose a lot of leadership and talent in the four players who are leaving, the team should be very strong in the coming years. St. Lawrence, Risley and sophomore Randi Baran all earned major playing time this season and look to continue that trend next year as well.

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Men's Basketball defeats no. 1 ranked Franklin & Marshall

Defense holds Conference Player of the Year to 8 points

By Mike Hogentogler
Weekly Sports Writer

Despite several comeback attempts, the men's basketball team fell at home to Gettysburg 68-59, dropping both the Centennial Conference Championship as well as their hopes at an NCAA playoff birth. The loss brought the Mules' season to a close, ending with an overall record of 14-12.

The championship game opened with an offensive flurry, resulting in nine lead changes in the initial 10:00. The Bullets then went on a 12-0 run, gaining a lead that would prove to be insurmountable on their way to their first CC Championship. Mark Lesko continued his dominant play, scoring 22 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while notching his 12th double double of the season. The rest of the team managed to shoot only 43% from the floor.

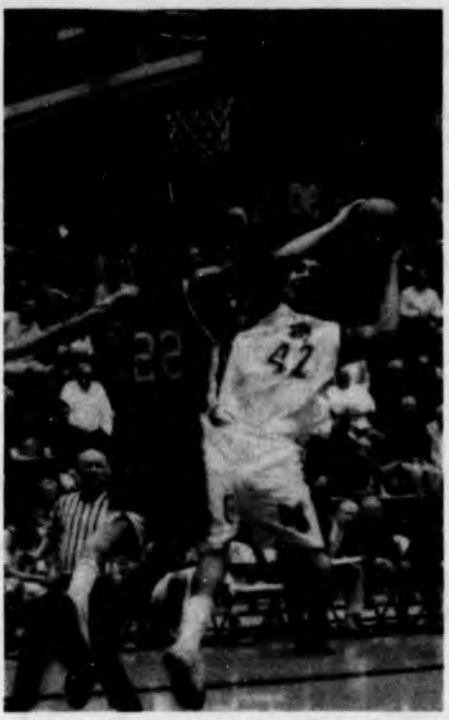
The Gettysburg defense proved to be too much for the Mules, holding them to their lowest point total in 14 games as well as holding them to under 60 points for only the 5th time this season. The Mules shot a dismal 4-17 from behind the arc.

"It was a tough loss to take," commented Sophomore Toomey Anderson. "We fell short of our goal this year."

The loss to Gettysburg overshadowed the Mules' 76-58 upset of number one ranked Franklin & Marshall in the opening round of the CC playoffs. In the contest, the Mules defense held F & M to only 32.8% from the field while limiting Centennial Conference Player of the Year Alex Kraft to only 8 points on 2-14 shooting.

"We did it with defense," stated Muhlenberg's Michael Barletta, who led the team with 21 points. "Our defense has been the key to all we've done this year."

Lesko's 17 points and 10 boards aided Barletta while John Strom scored a career high 18 points. Anthony Strachan registered 11 points and 8 rebounds while Anderson scored 5 points and dished out 6 assists. The victory propelled Muhlenberg into the finals while snapping the Franklin & Marshall's 21 game home winning streak.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Sophomore Anthony Strachan tries to slam it past the defender.

However, the Mules hopes for a Conference championship, as well as the automatic NCAA bid that would come with a victory, dashed when Gettysburg visited Memorial Hall. While the Mules fell short of a title, the hopes, as well as the expectations, will be very lofty heading into the 2001-2002 season.

As a team, the Mules lose no players. Additionally, the Mules bring back 5 juniors who will be able to provide the leadership necessary to go deep into the playoffs, including All-Centennial Conference Lesko, only the 4th Mule (and the first in thirty years to average over 20 points per game throughout the entire season.

"We feel confident about next season," remarked Anderson. "It will be tough, but we feel that we can build on this year's efforts to get us to a championship next year, as well as into the NCAA playoffs."

With an older, more experienced team, the Mules will look to ride the wave of this season's success into next year. With a returning cast of offensive stars and a continually successful defense, they should emerge as one of the favorites next season.

Anderson summed it up best. "Next year, it's all about a championship...We won't settle for anything less."

Tennis begins season

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

Coming off one of the best seasons in the history of the program, the men's tennis team opened their 2001 spring season with two losses in Florida. The Mules were defeated by St. Thomas, 8-1, and were shutout by Northwood, 9-0.

The Mules had a tough time against St. Thomas and Northwood, both members of the Florida Sun Conference. Against St. Thomas, they were matched up against a team that was nationally ranked a year ago. Freshman Brian Barkauskas picked up the Mules' lone win by defeating Donald DeSormoux of the Bobcats 6-1, 6-0 in number six singles.

This past fall, the Mules played three matches as they geared up for the spring. They finished in late September with a record of 1-2. The Mules fell to both Drew and Fordham by a 4-3 score before they concluded the fall season with a shutout

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Track breaks 11 more records at Centennial's

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

Indoor Track wrapped up an amazing season by breaking 11 school records and attaining their best finish ever at the Centennial Conference Championship on Feb. 23 and 24.

The men placed third behind powerhouses Haverford and Dickinson. Freshman Josh Cohen placed third in the 400 meters with a 51.62, setting a school record. Will Elson broke the 800 meter school record with a 1:58.59. The 4x200 meter relay, 4x400 meter relay, 4x800 meter relay, and the DMR all broke records.

The women placed seventh at the championship. Trisha Yordy broke her record in the 55 meters with a 7.69. Laura Roth broke a school record in the 800 meters with a 2:28.67. The 4x200 meter relay team, 4x400 relay team, and the 4x800 relay team all broke their respective records. By winning the high jump, Katrina Beck became the only female in CC history to win the same event four years straight.

At the ECAC championship in Boston, the men finished 28th and the women 34th. Elson placed 4th in the 800 meters, breaking his own school record, by running a 1:55.73. Beck placed fifth in the high jump with a 5-1¼. Cohen placed ninth in the 500 meters as did sophomore Brendan Gallagher in the 5000 meters, each breaking their own records.

The indoor track team has already broken more records in their indoor season than the combined records broken from last year's indoor and outdoor season. The Mules begin their outdoor season at the DeSales Invitational on Saturday, Mar. 24.

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Will Elson broke school records in the 800 meters and the 4x800 relay team.

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Full field running for next Council term

Many new names on ballot

By Joseph Trentacoste
Managing Editor

What many describe as a resurgence of involvement from the student body has resulted in the largest Student Council candidate pool in recent years.

Thirty-five students from the classes of 2002, 2003 and 2004 have submitted platforms to become Council representatives for the next academic year.

Those numbers include both existing members and new candidates and is the largest turnout in years.

"I think it shows that people are interested in Student Council," said Sophomore Josh Brookstein, Recording Secretary. "It seems to me to be a very positive thing."

Although many of the applicants seem to share Brookstein's enthusiasm for Council, they are not without their own ideas.

Most of the platforms included statements about

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Three of the College's a cappella groups performed this weekend through a showcase of collaborative performances. Page 9.

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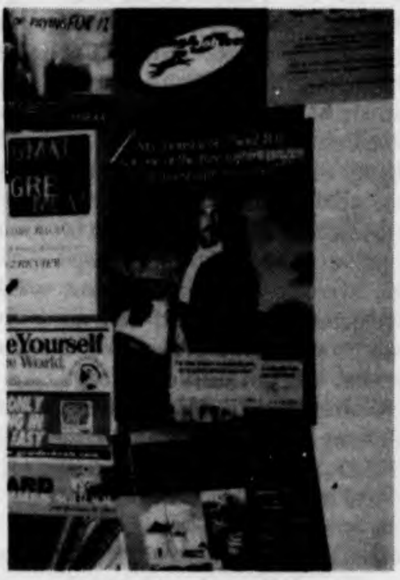
The questions surrounding Questia



Posters fill campus bulletin boards and mailings went out to students to promote Questia's research database.

Debate on the database's use and marketing

By Jeff Baird
News Editor

From the first day that Questia Media Inc. descended on colleges and universities across the country, educators here and elsewhere have received the company with a mix of caution and excitement.

The cautious side says the online research service is incomplete and will encourage students to use it as a quick substitute for thorough research. The excited say that Questia offers quality material that would be difficult to find in libraries.

For better or for worse, Questia has infiltrated college consciousness around the country during the weeks surrounding its introduction through a marketing campaign featuring television commercials, posters around the College, visits with college and university officials around the country, mailings and appearances at writing conventions.

Questia.com, a web site run by Questia Media Inc., provides a searchable collection of about 40,000 books—nearly all of them are scholarly and many are out of print. (Trexler Library has over 200,000 volumes.)

"There's not a lot of scholarly information available currently on the internet," Bertha Sturgeon, a regional consultant at Questia, said. "For the most part, it's a lot of bad information. What we are offering is putting quality, scholarly information online. The fact that it's for a subscription allows us to pay the royalties to the publishers and we want to make sure we're around in the long term."

Three considerations about Questia have caught the eye of College offi-

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Despite ability, College delays web registration

Many dislike impersonal nature of web

By Jodi Stark
Weekly Staff Writer

The scene is all too familiar. Panicked students sprint around campus, struggling to find that final professor. Just one more signature. That's all they need. Then comes the two hour camp-out on the stairs inside Haas. At long last, the entire process is over. What has been described here is the ever-agonizing ordeal of registering for classes.

Because registering serves as such an inconvenience for students, the College has toyed with the idea of implementing online registration. This would eliminate some the burdens that are placed on students semi-annually. With the simple click of a few computer keys, their schedules would be created.

No visits to professors or the Office of the Registrar would be necessary. All would be accomplished in front of the computer screen. To some, this may sound like the ideal solution.

"I think that online registration would be a lot more efficient than having to wait in the basement of Haas," Junior Jayme Aronberg said. "Taking such an approach would bring us up to the speed of other colleges and universities."

Still, there are others who see this process as impersonal and a harm to the college community. Brad Barron, Registrar, claims, "A large reason students decide to come to a small liberal arts school like Muhlenberg is because they are actually able to talk to their professors. Online registration would diminish some of that personal touch."

There are other negative results that would be likely to occur if students were

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In Red Door, thefts threaten games' future

By Matt Meyers and Lindsey Aspinall
Weekly Staff Writers

People have been stealing billiard balls and cues from the Red Door lately. Money has been taken from the change machine, resulting in the removal of the machine.

"The change machine was broken into twice before being removed by the company who owns all the equipment in the Red Door," Becky Grace, director of Student Activities, said. With the repeated theft of pool balls and cues, it is difficult for the Student Activities Office to convince the company to keep the games at the College.

Most students feel that the actions of a few students should not determine the fate of the whole. "I don't think they should take [pool tables] away," Freshman Allison Newman said. "Just because a few people stole money doesn't mean everyone should suffer."

Many share this feeling. "It is the three or four kids going in there at night that...has an effect for the rest of us," Grace commented.

To avoid paying for a game, students are placing cups in the pockets of the pool tables. With the combination of this and the frequent thefts, both

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BECAUSE THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY claims that it would not be a difficult process to design and implement, the College has tossed around the idea of offering online registration for classes.

However, the College does not want to tamper with its 'caring,' close-knit reputation by offering this convenience because it feels it may interfere with student-faculty interaction in the designated advising period.

The College is constantly trying to be at the forefront of new technology, yet schools comparable to Muhlenberg are offering this service. The students are not offered a concrete explanation as to why the system would not work. If the technology and the demand are there, it would be worth pursuing.

As far as the "impersonal" nature of the registration goes, the College has a point. But neither should doors be closed to students that genuinely take advantage of resources. If registering online is possible, then certainly the traditional system can be modified to satisfy our concerns. For example, we suggest that professors approve the registration of their advisees within the framework of online registration before students' requests are processed—this will allow the student to take advantage of the more convenient registration and at the same time ensure that the student-advisor relationship is not bypassed.

Online registration would not diminish any "personal touch," as Registrar Brad Barron told The Weekly this week. Online registration, if done properly, would not take the place of consultation with an advisor, but would take the place of the tedium every student faces. It would be a more accurate, timely and efficient way to do exactly the same thing.

If registering online is possible, then certainly the traditional system can be modified to satisfy our concerns.

The Weekly does not dispute the fact that the College does not want to destroy its image. Online registration would hardly tarnish the College's reputation.

A caring college needs not only to be concerned with the advising system, but also with the time constraints of a college student's life. By registering online, it would take away the stress of standing in line at 6:00 a.m. in the basement of Haas. The class registration process can be personalized.

A decent system would also allow students to stand in line the old-fashioned way in the registrar's office. They can go to the Office of the Registrar in person, and register at a designated time.

Online registration, if done properly, would not take the place of consultation with an advisor, but would take the place of the tedium every student faces.

Most important, a system online would not inhibit the advising, as schools like Lehigh University and Lafayette College have demonstrated. Students would still have to go to their advisor, choose classes and discuss their four-year plan. But along with their advisor's signature, they would receive a personal identification number and a time ticket to then be able to register from a secured Internet site.

In two weeks:
Weekly Discourse Topic
Celebrity treatment

Are celebrities always as innocent as the justice system proves them to be?

Those interested in contributing, contact Luke at Ltomanelli@aol.com

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DAN RUSSO

THE MARCONI EXPERIMENT, PART 2

Reflections of a Slim Shady

I'm drunk. I had some vodka and Coke a while ago. The buzz hasn't left yet, so my mind is still as ripped as a pitbull's chew toy. Tonight I was with a seventeen year old who I'll call Slim. Before accusing me of corrupting youth, know that this kid isn't exactly innocent. He has six tattoos. Some he paid for selling "trees".

Hanging with him has made me reminisce about being a teenager. I haven't thought about the splendor of my formative years in a while: popping zits, arguing with my parents, getting rejected by my blind date to the Junior prom—how was I supposed to know that the pin on her corsage was that sharp? The blood didn't *totally* destroy her dress! I apologized, didn't I?!...Enough about me.

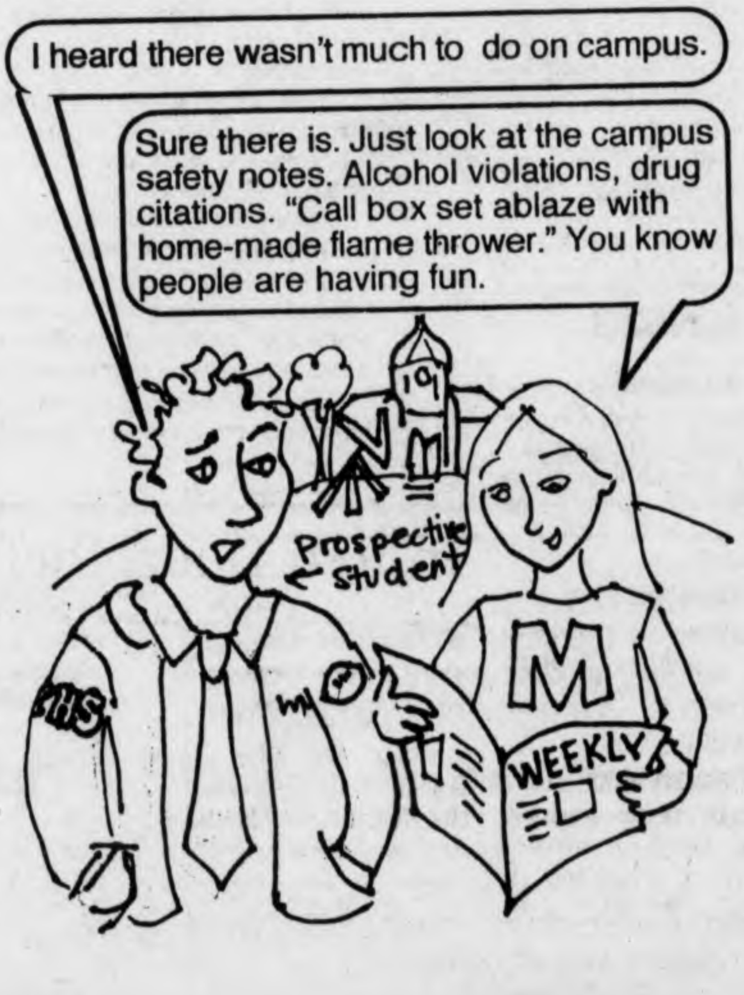
Teens deal with broken homes, peer pressure, puberty, violence, sex, drugs. All face these issues to different degrees. They have affected youth since the beginning, but adolescence is more volatile than in the past. Why are the problems more intense now and what can we do to make things better?

Growing up I was sheltered compared to Slim. As we sipped, he described his circle of friends. Their ideal is to be tough, and to project the image that they don't care about anything. Sharing feelings that diverge from the front one creates is risky. He mentioned persecution of students who were outside the mainstream in school, but also spoke of loyalty to friends.

Eventually, I got a glimpse underneath Slim's bulletproof vest. He told me about a girl he dated for six months—a teenage eternity. She wasn't like other girls. He would buy her flowers, write letters. She was one of the few people he could "be himself around". Hearing about his first love, I realized there isn't anything mysteriously "wrong" with kids today as people say. They're just as human as they ever were.

I asked Slim what he thought caused the recent school shootings. "I think it's isolation," he said, "Those kids have no one to listen, to show them they care." He didn't blame the media, mental illness, or drugs. He pointed to something that none of the new laws or beefed up security measures at schools has fixed or ever could—the absence of love and attention. It makes kids kill.

Cultural changes have damaged family cohesion. Most parents work full time—either to maintain a standard of living or increase one. That drastically cuts the time they spend with children. Most work places aren't family friendly. Parents accept it. The top priorities in the USA are attaining wealth and materialism. Kids get neglected as a result, and youth culture reflects that. People who aren't cool get shunned. Among dominant cliques, a cold attitude prevails that causes loneliness in a crowd. Society needs to change its priorities. Conversations with kids are the first steps towards transformation. Slim taught me that. Maybe next time we talk, we won't need a bottle to open up.


I heard there wasn't much to do on campus.
Sure there is. Just look at the campus safety notes. Alcohol violations, drug citations. "Call box set ablaze with home-made flame thrower." You know people are having fun.
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LEAVING TONYPANDY

BETH FREEMAN

Does our education system make you yearn for more?

A friend recently asked me, "Why aren't students more emotionally attached to what they're learning?" She then cited a rare occasion when a film showed in Psychology of Women brought students to tears.

I often ask this same question. New ideas and new ways of thinking always stir up my emotions, especially when they challenge a preconceived understanding.

On the other hand, either by nature or by how we are taught, we tend to deny these emotions. Within the social sciences in particular, there exists a perception of the world as a game. Politics, finance, war, religion–these are simply elements of an interesting system. We should understand the system and let it intrigue and amuse us, but never let it stir up our emotions.

My emotions, however, always affect my perception of the world. For example, last spring I wrote a paper using Walter Rodney's book "How Europe Underdeveloped Africa." This book greatly challenged me with both new information and new ways of understanding. I felt so passionately about it that I researched the same subject more, although it was unnecessary for my paper.

These new ideas opened my mind, changing my worldview for the first time in years. I soon felt as though I were a "born-again activist," suddenly wanting to act for social and environmental justice.

What if I had ignored these feelings? What if I had simply accredited them to fleeting passions and analyzed the subject strictly academically? Most likely, I would already have my high paying Arthur Anderson consulting job set up for me (to my parents' happiness). Instead, I took a different road "and that has made all the difference" (apologies to Robert Frost).

Similarly, while writing a paper about Sierra Leone, the injustice in the war-torn country greatly upset me. Because my research was for an anthropology course, however, I particularly tried to view the situation academically and not as an activist. Although I tried to objectively analyze the situation, I could not do it. I needed to know who was promoting positive change and if I could help.

Here's one last personal experience–recently, I read an article in "National Review" (a very conservative magazine) which deemed all Democrats in Florida (especially minorities and people of low income) as idiots unworthy of voting privileges. Usually I read this magazine just for laughs because of its lack of academic and moral integrity, but this was too much. I actually wept right in the middle of the magazine section of the library. That means a lot, considering I only cry about once every six months.

Although many would argue that emotions undermine critical analysis, I argue the opposite. My emotions give me a clearer worldview. By forcing me to see the humanitarian and environmental sides of an issue, I gain a more tangible and holistic perception of the world.

In his book "Earth in Mind," David Orr writes, "There is no good way and no good reason to separate mind or body from its ecological and emotional context." If this is true, then why do we deny this emotional context? Without it, the world is simply a system, which we will never fully understand.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Call me old fashioned, but I've always felt that silencing free speech and stifling creativity was something that people should stand up to. Well I'm about to. On Thursday night at the Mr. Muhlenberg Competition the two aforementioned atrocities were committed.

One of the hosts of the event and another student made a video to be shown at the beginning of the evening. In this short piece, the two students traveled to a farm to "find the next Mr. Muhlenberg." They found donkeys. For the most part they talked to the donkeys, acted like idiots, and had a good time while making an entertaining addition to the evening's events. The video was previewed by about 20 students in Memorial Hall during setup for the evening. One scene featured two donkeys attempting to fornicate. The reactions of the students who previewed this scene and the rest of the video were of amusement.

Unfortunately, when President Taylor got word of the scene in question, he immediately ordered that the tape not be shown.

Why were students prevented from viewing this video at the Mr. Muhlenberg competition? This was not a recruitment event for prospective students, nor was it a fundraising event for parents and/or donors; it was an event put together for Muhlenberg students by Muhlenberg students.

The College was not placed in a position where it could lose respect, credibility, face, or whatever you might want to call it. Some might say that the images depicted in the video could be considered a low-brow brand of humor, and I think I would have to agree with them. But that in no way gives the president of this college, or anyone else for that matter, the right to censor it. What's next? Preventing The Weekly from printing articles like this one? Censoring the television signal that comes into the school? Blocking access to certain Internet sites through the school computer network? Burning books in the library?

Remember the motto of our college that is seen plastered on the college web page and every informational and recruitment brochure? "Muhlenberg College, Teaching Students the Power To Think." Well here's a question: how are we to learn to think and judge for ourselves if we are shielded from the material that is to be judged?

Times have changed, and what may not have been acceptable twenty years ago now is acceptable. I'm not here to debate whether these changes have had a negative impact on society as a whole, but only to say that they are still protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States. Maybe it is time that the old guard realizes these changes and either accepts them or steps down. It doesn't matter how many millions of dollars may have been raised for this college; they pale in comparison to the value of the freedom of speech that was taken away last Thursday night.

- Andrew Poag '01

The Muhlenberg Weekly is always thrilled to receive Letters to the Editor.

Recently, however, students have been submitting letters that are over, and in some cases, twice the length of the requested limit.

We ask that Letters to the Editor be 400-500 words, at the most. If you do submit a letter, we will do everything in our power to publish it. But anything over the word limit will be cut.

We appreciate nothing more than submissions that express the opinions and feelings of members of the College community. But we ask that the guidelines be followed if all students, faculty, staff, and other readers wish to be heard.

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Juveniles being tried as adults

The sentencing of Lionel Tate: Justified, or barbaric?

Michael Goldsmith

Associate Editor

Lionel Tate's defense attorneys expressed that the strong impact of violence in professional wrestling on television had on the 12-year old's actions. The entertaining athletes of the different wrestling organizations can defend their sport through explaining the many safety precautions and experience that go into the ring every fight. However, they are not able to explain the grave effects of their sport and other violence in the media.

Tate was not aware of his own strength or the potential harm he could inflict on his playmate.

The argument that violence doesn't have an impact on the young minds of the children is without merit. Whether it is a television show with many gunfights and explosions or extreme police chases, viewers are entertained. Some California television stations will air many car chases to draw attention to their channel and keep people watching with their ratings soaring.

Tate was not aware of his own strength or the potential harm that could happen to his playmate. Society must be aware that a child cannot always comprehend the meaning of violence in real life terms. Tate doesn't see another child in a jail cell or juvenile hall after being convicted of a horrible crime, but rather the publicity in the courtroom.

Society and our representatives in Congress must consider steps to preventing the image of violence to be placed in children's minds.

The punishments associated with such acts of crime are not even publicized to curb such crimes.

Media violence is a concern. In the news, many criminals are provided television time on the screen and their horrible acts are shown. Many children watching television can look upon this screen time as a means to publicize themselves – by illegal means.

Tate's mother and attorneys stated that the child's interest in the different wrestling moves definitely resulted in the death of the innocent young girl. Unfortunately, many children are not aware of the choreographed fights between the wrestlers and the acting of each wrestler to make certain the slams to the ground are not as severe.

Children watching "The Rock" or some other wrestlers must be taught properly, and their parents should understand that it may be better for their child to watch the next Barney movie and not the blood-and-guts Schwarzenegger movie.

In addition to the ineffective gun laws being passed by the Conservatives, society and our representatives in Congress must consider steps to preventing the image of violence to be placed in children's minds. Parents also must consider just turning off the television. The idea of guns and violence is very tempting to youngsters, and society must consider ways to help educate children as to the deadly consequences of their actions.

Jeff Baird

News Editor

Lionel Tate's actions were squarely his fault, but the culture that raised him is equally to blame. To send him to jail for a long time is to put out of mind the reasons he became a killer, intentional or otherwise. I have no idea whether or not it's too late to save anyone who's as old as 14 and still has no sense of reality. I'll leave that to the professionals.

But I will say it is easy to sit around and blame MTV and violence on television and the "counter-culture" that seems to be the easy target. By that logic, if we want to blame violence in the media for causing violence in teenagers, so should we blame the lack of a firm moral foundation for not preventing that violence.

But to create such a positive culture at home and in school that it totally overpowers whatever "life" they may see on television.

(Would yet another gun-control law or more television ratings have made any difference anywhere?)

Jim Lewis, the kid's attorney, tried to explain the boy's actions as consistent with wrestling moves he saw on television. And that, of course, was all the violence-in-the-media-is-destroying-our-culture sector needed to voice its concerns all over again.

The argument goes like this: Lionel Tate watched wrestling on television; he tried to imitate his favorite wrestlers by performing moves on a six-year-old girl; he wound up killing the girl; and it's all wrestling's fault for putting the stuff on television in the first place.

It doesn't follow to blame the media for allowing wrestling to be on television. It is the parent's responsibility to teach right from wrong and real from unreal. For those who do not have the advantage of such parental models, there needs to be a strong and unmistakable message of self-control and self-responsibility in school and after school. The solution is not to limit access to potentially harmful material, but to create such a positive culture at home and in school that it totally overpowers whatever "life" they may see on television.

We can start with schools. Radical, activist judges have helped to systematically drive any notion of religion out of public life. That includes schools: you can't pray in school, you can't carry a Bible in school, you can't post the ten commandments in school, you can hardly pray at a football game without attracting attention.

In 1999, 203 House Republicans and 45 House Democrats passed the Ten Commandments Defense Act, which would have allowed the commandments to be displayed in school and would have allowed children to practice their faith so long as it does not interfere with others. That died on arrival in the Senate.

Had the measure been successful, it would have provided the first step toward conveying a strong message of self-responsibility and self-control in schools. As it is, that message is not getting across. For all the complaints about separation of church and state, the only suggestions from the left have been more gun laws and more restrictions—neither of which go to the heart of the problem.

The Tate trial: Into whose hands does justice ultimately fall?

Emily Gewitz

Production Editor

Try to picture yourself as a wrestling fan. More specifically, imagine yourself as a 12-year-old fan of the WWF. You would emulate the moves you saw on television too, wouldn't you? And wouldn't you, as a rather large twelve-year-old (166 lbs., to be exact), perhaps not be able realize the capabilities of your own strength? These are just a small sampling of the factors surrounding the Lionel Tate case, which has held the nation's attention since the Jan. 25, guilty verdict.

Tate was found guilty of the murder of 6-year-old Tiffany Eunick, who was pronounced dead after five minutes of sustained "beating" by the defendant. Her list of injuries was appalling, and the prosecutor called for an adult's maximum sentence—life imprisonment. The boy was tried as an adult, while his attorney tried to create a plea bargain that would please all sides: three years in a juvenile detention center, followed by ten years' probation. Tate's mother, convinced of her son's innocence, rejected the plea, but the jury felt otherwise. After reading the sentence, judge Joel T. Lazarus proclaimed, "The acts of Lionel Tate were cold, callous and indescribably cruel."

The game, in this case, was cat-and-mouse, where both counselors waited in eager anticipation as to which one would give up first.

To me, those words sound a bit harsh for a boy barely into his teens, a boy who claimed to be merely practicing wrestling techniques on a fellow baby-sitting charge. But, back at the beginning of the case, the prosecutor believed that Tate's offense was serious enough to be labeled an adult crime.

Why, then, has the prosecutor changed his mind? What does his support for a clemency hearing with Florida Governor Jeb Bush mean, in terms of legal ethics? Doesn't it seem a bit peculiar that both lawyers are in support of the reduction of a sentence that the prosecutor fought so hard to obtain? Judge Lazarus put it best when he said, "It not only casts the prosecutor in a light totally inconsistent with his role in the criminal justice system, but it makes the whole court process seem like a game."

The game, in this case, was cat-and-mouse, where both counselors waited in eager anticipation as to which one would give up first. Neither did, and the judge was left with a guilty verdict with the requested sentence of life imprisonment. Yet, Lazarus does not come off scot-free either, because he could have reduced the sentence. He did no such thing, because, given the evidence, he believed in Tate's guilt. Now, his right to hold that belief has been threatened by Tate's nationwide network of sympathizes, including news anchors, television evangelists, and even celebrities. All of this interference in the justice system, no matter how warranted, begs the question; who has the last word in justice? One thing's for sure—it's not Lionel Tate.

Web registration may not be a good thing, some say

Its impersonal nature is at issue

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not required to get signatures from professors. Barron explains that there have been times in which a teacher has helped a student realize that he or she needed a specific course to graduate.

Had the student registered on a computer, he may not have signed up for that class and would have had major problems later on. David Tafler, head of the Communications Department sees no problem with students not visiting teachers during the registration process. He adds, "Students must be prepared to deal with the consequences that may occur when they don't get advice from their professors prior to registration."

Harry Miller, director of the Office of Information Technology claims that online registration would not be precluded for technical reasons.

It could definitely be done with the existing hardware, but he, along with others, does not know if taking such a route would be in keeping with the College's stated goals.

> *"It would be very difficult to replicate the process of personal interaction online."*
>
> Harry Miller

He says, "It would be very difficult to replicate the process of personal interaction online."

Workers in the Registrar's office generally help students who have either a scheduling conflict or have been shut out of a section. A computer could not provide that type of service, Miller claims. Therefore, it can be seen that the process of registering would change, and not necessarily for the better.

Miller is clear that if the school decided to do online registration, a simple, straightforward, and impersonal approach could be implemented in a semester or two.

Yet, the more "human" people wanted the registration to be, the longer it would take to complete. Miller stresses that either way, "something valuable about the College would be lost."

Although online registration remains unlikely for the near future, the Registrar and Office of Information Technology will continue to focus on improving and expanding the output of data for students and faculty. Barron says, "At the end of this month, all forms such as registration and add/drop will be available on the web to print out."

This will eliminate the step of first picking up the forms before getting signatures. Also, starting this summer, the entire college cataloge will be accessible through the computer.

These additions are only the beginning, as the College is also working on a password-protected facility in which students could view their own records. Included in here would be information such as schedules, grades, and bills. Right now, the school has a version running for faculty members, but the exact implementation date for students is still unknown.

As for online registration, students will continue to hunt down professors and crowd the steps inside Haas. Yet, whether or not they realize or appreciate it, College officials say, they are helping to keep up a tradition of closeness, amiability and familiarity that is slowly diminishing in colleges that have adapted such a system. There are other people, though, who will remain steadfast about the need to take that next step.

Mike Bruckner, Vice President for Public Relations, says that if the school can work out a way to adapt a system that maintains the same personal contact of the current method, it may make a move to online registration. But right now, that does not seem like a feasible possibility. He says, "Technology should be an enhancement, not a replacement. Going to such lengths would take away an aspect of Muhlenberg that has taken years to create."

Field of candidates running for Council

PHOTO BY EMILY PANNEBAKER

Campaign posters are already up in Parents' Plaza.

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changing how Council presents itself to the student body, involving its members more openly in campus life and creating "unity" on both a class wide and campus wide level.

An extremely prevalent topic that the candidates are dealing with is a plan for the campus to be divided into constituencies for the purposes of Council representation.

Many agree with it and feel that it is a necessary step if Council wishes to change its image and become more open.

Council debated earlier this semester a proposal to have representatives serve their entire classes and to focus on a specific set of students, probably to be arranged alphabetically. The matter will be brought up at the next student body meeting in April.

Freshman Representative Andy Winkler is a staunch proponent of the constituency system. "[It] is a very good thing and I think it will be given a chance next year. Especially if we get a number of new representatives, it will give those individual students more pride and responsibility in their position," he said.

Current Council members who have supported the constituency proposal are happy about the candidates' enthusiasm.

Still, with each class receiving only six voting representatives and the classes of 2003 and 2004 both having a full compliment of incumbents, the chances for many new members is slim.

Treasurer Christina Coviello would gladly welcome some new blood.

"Council is always looking for new ideas," she explained. "We're constantly trying to get people to come to meetings and voice their ideas."

When asked if she thought the prospect of new representatives meant a total revamp for Council, Coviello seemed hopeful.

"Although people often run with the intention of promoting new ideas, they often follow the lead of the people who are already there," she said. "I'm hoping that they keep those great ideas and can find a happy medium with existing members."

The candidates began campaigning Monday, and will continue until election day on Monday, March 26. Most of their platforms focused on "serving the student body" and "looking ahead to the future," but a few took the initiative to bring up issues like the underused and often-vandalized Red Door, "town hall" type student body meetings and the ever-popular topic of involving students in College policy through Council.

Sophomores Emily Kaplan and Ben Long are two candidates concerned with apathy.

"It's kind of a personal issue. I feel like I sat and watched the College and the students do things I wasn't happy with," said Kaplan. "I know a lot of people who aren't happy, so I decided to do something about it."

Long agrees with her. "Some of the current policies that the College has been enforcing have got a lot of students worried. There are a lot of people who are concerned, but only a few who will actually do something," he said.

Whatever the reason for the large turnout, chances are that Council will not remain unchanged.

"Sure, Council is going to change. Issues like constituency, the discretionary presidential budget and MCTV are not going to go away no matter who is elected. I think people are ultimately going to see a Council who is more publicly accountable to their needs," Brookstein said.

Student Council elections

Following is a list of students running for Student Council and Class Council positions for the next term. All representatives and class presidents have votes at Council meetings on Thursdays.

Students will elect six representatives and one student from each other category.

Freshmen

Class President
Tyler Holmberg
Mark Purdy
Soccoro Sampson
Andy Winkler

Representative
Mat Wolfson
Andy Winkler
Robyn Duda
Amy Featherman
Michael
Saratovsky
Becca Oller
Tyler Holmberg
Mark Purdy
Catina Crismale
Meredith Hamson

Vice President
Mike Geller

Secretary
Mala Tanna
Catina Crismale
Treasurer
Robyn Duda
Amy Featherman

Sophomores

Class President
Jay Dombi

Representative
Ben Long
Brian Bentzen
Steven Soroka
Josh Brookstein
Emily Kaplan
Josh Lebson
Sarah Waters
Ari Abramson
Lindsay Goldstein
Seth Williams

Vice President
Melissa Kubit
Josh Lebson

Secretary
Abby Bossert

Treasurer
Kristi Romig

Juniors

Class President
Amy D'Antonio

Representative
Christina Coviello
Marah Ritchey
Chris Titze
Evan Karp
Kristin DiLorenzo

Vice President
Marah Ritchey
Candace Raio

Secretary
Carla Caggiano
Treasurer
Julie Goldberg

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown -- Ivette Gutierrez, 22, was shot in the head early Sunday morning while riding in a car. One of three suspects, 19-year-old Timothy Lavon Marshmon, was arrested for the drive-by shooting, as he was the driver of the alleged vehicle involved. Gutierrez is in critical condition, and Marshmon is currently undergoing sentencing for the murder of Kareem Gibson.

Cleveland -- Eight performers were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, Ohio Monday: Aerosmith, Queen, Michael Jackson, Paul Simon, Steely Dan, Ritchie Valens, the Flamingos, and Solomon Burke.

Dartmouth University -- A grand jury has convened, investigating whether or not to charge two teenagers accused of murdering two Dartmouth officials, Half and Suzanne Zantop. The grand jury questioned teenagers about the kinds of knives the accused own and have access to.

Bucks County, Pa. -- Five men were arrested after authorities discovered 440 pounds of cocaine, all wrapped in pastel, Easter-colored wrapping, in a trailer on the back of a car. The car was stopped by the police for a traffic violation; the driver had been transporting the drugs to Philadelphia, The Associated Press reported. Three men in the car and two others waiting at the destination were all arrested and face at least 10 years in prison. The Associated Press also reported that authorities said there were about 20 similar shipments to other east-coast cities in the past 12 months.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Scattered Showers
High: 55 Low: 35	High: 50 Low: 31	High: 46 Low: 32

Thefts put Red Door equipment in jeopardy

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the College and the company that owns the tables are at a financial loss. Grace explained that any profit made from these tables is lost in replacement of the stolen equipment.

Originally, the profit made from the usage of these tables, was going toward the purchase of tables and arcade games. This way, if the College were to own the equipment, students would no longer have to pay for their use.

With the situation as it stands, this is not an option. Many students feel that there may be other possible actions before the College removes the equipment.

"Instead of taking away the pool tables, the pool balls could be kept at the front desk in Seegers and people could pay to take them out," Junior Kathy Tomaschko said.

But Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety, felt that although this could solve the problem, it is not the job of students working at the information desk to be responsible for handling money and equipment. Instead, Lupole suggested, that using student monitors in the Red Door may be a better solution. Others have suggested security cameras, but of all the places on campus for which students have requested cameras, the Red Door has a low priority.

Unlike the fate of the change machine, which has already been removed, the tables will remain in the Red Door for now.

Conference to be held here on English art

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

Music, art, history, dance and drama will converge at "Unmasquing 17th Century English Performance: Music, Theater, Dance," to be held at the College on April 27 and 28.

The conference centers on the College's own performance of Henry Purcell's Baroque-era opera "Dido and Aeneas," featuring student singers and dancers, under the direction of James Peck, musical direction of Jeremy Slavin, and with Baroque choreography by Thomas Baird.

The conference itself will focus on the discussion of and dialogue between performers and historians of seventeenth-century cultural works, and how to engage in research that combines the two disciplines.

Keynote speakers Michael Burden and Roger Savage, both prominent University professors from the United Kingdom, will lecture on Purcell's work, and on the ways that interdisciplinary research can benefit the growth of the historical performing arts field.

On the musical and dance end of the spectrum, both Baird, who is an acclaimed Baroque Dance specialist, and musician Donna Fournier, will perform and lead workshops.

Fournier plays the Viola da Gamba, a string instrument often used in the Baroque period.

Both are on the faculties of American universities, and will use their talents to show how important Baroque history is in trying to understand Purcell's work.

The students who have been working with Purcell's music since the semester's beginning for "Dido and Aeneas" will surely enjoy this conference.

Slavin, who has worked with students on multiple operas in the past, said, "I think the students are doing very well with the written material, and I get the feeling they're enjoying it....It is a great work, and you sense its musical logic and perfection as you continue to work on it day after day."

With such glowing praise of both Purcell and of the students' work, it is not hard to imagine why there is so much to say about the world of Baroque music and history.

And the winner is...
At the 'Mr. Muhlenberg' competition last week: above, winner Robbie Saenz di Viteri with his escort; upper right, Ed Griffin; lower right, participants in Chris Roberti's talent.

Weekly Online

The Muhlenberg Weekly's web page has returned from its 11-month vacation and is again available at its old site:

www.muhlenbergweekly.com

The site includes articles in full text and in some cases will contain the full text of statements abbreviated in print.

Amid controversy, Questia launches online database

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cials: (1) its database is available only for students who personally subscribe—at a cost of $150 per year—and is not available for libraries to have subscriptions available to the whole school; (2) promotional materials suggest that the service will speed up the paper-writing process; and (3) its collections, while scholarly, are incomplete and many times obscure, potentially hurting the student that seeks the "faster" paper-writing process that is advertised.

Carol Shiner Wilson, Dean of the College for Academic Life, said that while Questia is not harmful to students now, it's not entirely necessary given the resources the College already offers.

"My firm belief is that we have so many outstanding resources on this campus...that I think it would probably be difficult for most students to find a compelling reason at this point to sign up."

She said that though Questia allows students to search full text, the library's online catalog lists books by topic and keyword abstracts. She also said that when students look at only passages of books—Questia does not allow students to download entire books—they are not getting the entire context of the topic.

"I actually like the content. I just don't like the way it's being marketed and targeted."

Kelly Cannon
Reference Librarian

"In order to do the most responsible job possible as a scholar," Shiner Wilson said, "then I think it's important to see what the entire context of whatever that keyword or whatever that topic is."

"I think for the student or faculty member who is very familiar with a subject, it can be great," Kelly Cannon, a reference librarian who gave a presentation on Questia to the Writing Curriculum Committee, said. But for students who want to use the service as a "quick fix," he said, the service will not suffice.

The company doesn't buy the College's explanation. Representatives said that in fact it does make writing papers faster and better because it allows quicker access to good material, leaving more time to actually read the stuff and to think about it.

"How we're trying to make it faster is to shorten the time the student spends to get to the information resources. I believe that Questia can definitely shorten the time to get the students interacting with the resources," increasing time available to read, think about and write about the topic, Nancy Buchanan, a collection management librarian for Questia, said.

"The less time they spend on the mechanics, the more time they'll have for the important stuff," Sturgeon added.

Reference librarian Kelly Cannon helps a student in the library.

PHOTO BY EMILY PANNEBAKER

Questia's collection is now entirely books, which many say is not the best place to start research.

"What most people will say is that you always start with articles," Jill Stephen, head of the Writing Curriculum Committee, said. Many times, she said, books—especially those out of print—offer outdated perspectives that may not be in keeping with the latest findings.

On the other hand, the materials may be useful in a research project if the writer is familiar with both the credibility of the source and of the recent developments in a field that may render the book obsolete.

Another factor working for Questia, Stephen said, is that "the publishing industry is so screwed up that they're always taking good stuff out of print," and that the out of print books may be just as credible as new ones.

Both Stephen and Cannon gave Questia credit for selecting an academic library for its collection.

"It's not like they're not making some attempt to find out what academics want," Cannon said. "They have done their homework."

"I actually like the content," he added. "I just don't like the way it's being marketed and targeted."

Questia is one of the first media companies of its type. Rarely has a company placed advertisements on MTV and VH-1 for a service that provides students with scholarly research materials and that presents students with an opportunity for more work.

"Some people think that the service underestimates students," Stephen said. "They thought students wanted their research done for them. Other people thought that [Questia] gives students the credit that they want to do research at all."

"This is a company that is really trying to provide something that students can use," Stephen added. But she remains skeptical about the practical use of the program now. Without journal articles, she said, "It sounds like the program at the moment was put on the market prematurely."

"This is not a shady get-rich-quick scheme coming in through the back door."

Jill Stephen
Writing Curriculum Committee

But for all the doubts she and Cannon had about the ways students might use the material, they had little doubts about the legitimacy of the company.

"This is not a shady get-rich-quick scheme coming in through the back door," Stephen said. "There are easier ways to get rich."

Indeed, some might say Questia is already rich. The company has the backing of about $137 million in funding from private investors.

"With all of this money backing it up, they will get it to work," Cannon said, "but they're going to need to add more to it, including journal articles."

The company says that is an ultimate goal. The company's website explains that it wants to have 250,000 volumes by 2003, and Sturgeon said the company is working toward having journal articles available in April.

"We have a lot of room to grow. There are a lot of disciplines out there," Carlos Arcos, a marketing professional at Questia, said. He added that the service might expand to include books in foreign languages.

"It is different in that it will not allow a college or university to subscribe," Cannon said. If a student would benefit from resources at Questia, Cannon said, "I can't assure them the College will provide access to it." Further, he is not allowed to share his personal subscription with anyone

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The Muhlenberg Weekly
will be having editorial elections for next fall. Though the elections won't happen until May, interested students are invited to visit the office in the M.L. Underground on Tuesday evenings after 6:00 p.m.

Easter Break

College Housing is Closing!!

All college owned houses, apartments and residence halls are closing on April 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. and will re-open on April 16, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.!

There will be *no* access before 10:00 a.m.

The only students permitted to stay on campus are:

- Academic responsibility (ie: student teaching)
- International Students
- Students living more than 300 miles from campus
- Athletes with WRITTEN permission from their coach

If you do not fall into these categories and you are approved to stay there is a $15.00 per day charge. A "Request To Stay Over Break Form" must be submitted by every student who stays. Forms are available at the Office of Residential Services and are due by April 5, 2001. If you have any questions please call our office x3180.

Please make your travel plans accordingly.

The Yearbook is looking for candid pictures of Muhlenberg Students

If you have any candid pictures that you would like included in the yearbook, please send them to the yearbook by April 6.

Please include the following information on the back of each picture:

Name
Class year
Return address information

Please send any pictures to the Yearbook
Seegers Union Box 2762

If you have questions please contact the Public Relations Office x3230.

Campus Safety Notes

March 12—Fire Alarm—Caused by dust in a Prosser smoke detector.

March 13—Fire Alarm—A cake was burnt in the oven at 432 Albright St.

March 13—Injured Student—Twisted ankle between President Taylor's house and sororities, refused treatment.

March 14—Injured Faculty—A staff member twisted their left knee in Trexler Pavilion and was transported to the hospital.

March 14—Injured Visitor—A guest dancer was hit in the eye during a performance, and was transported to the hospital.

March 15—Suspicious People—Two individuals who live on 23rd St. were found on Liberty St.

March 15— Trashing, Vandalism—Shaving cream was sprayed all over a door and trash was thrown in Prosser.

March 16—Theft from vehicle—A car stereo and faceplate was taken from a vehicle parked in the lot behind Martin Luther.

March 16—Harassment—Two students involved. Campus Safety is currently working on the case.

March 16—Injured Student—Student in Prosser received laceration and was transported to the hospital.

March 16—Injured Wood employee—Received cut on right thumb, transported to the hospital.

March 16—Injured Student—Received a laceration to right middle finger in the pool in the Life Sports Center. Transported to the hospital.

March 18—Alcohol Violation—Student residing in Prosser was referred to the Dean of Students.

March 18—Alcohol Violation—Five students residing in Walz were referred to the Dean of Students.

March 18— Vandalism, Trashing—The west entrance of Seegers was strewn with trash.

March 18—Alcohol Violation—Student in Walz referred to the Dean of Students.

March 18—Fire Alarm—An alarm was set off by students cooking dinner at 432 Albright St.

March 18—Alcohol Violation—Student in Benfer referred to the Dean of Students.

March 17—Hit and Run—Campus Safety assisted an outside agency. Student Andrew Scibilia hit a telephone pole on Chew St., and was cited for leaving the scene of the accident.

March 19—Fire Alarm—The same detector as caused the fire alarm in Prosser on March 12 went off again. The detector was replaced, and the airflow adjusted.

Controversial opening of database

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else.

"Because of some of the agreements we have with some of our publishers, we can't really issue a site license," Sturgeon said. But because of the strong interest in such subscriptions, the company has developed a compromise. "We've come up with some programs that if there's an interest, we'll sell a group of subscriptions to institutions that will in turn assign them to students," she said.

As is, Cannon said he is in an awkward situation because he might have access to material a student needs—but that student would have to pay for it. "I feel like I'm being put in the position of salesperson," he said.

"Professors ask students to pay for textbooks all the time," Sturgeon said. "Students pay on average $300 a semester, we've found, for books—and that's not including coursepacks and other added tools they are required to buy."

Additionally, Stephen said, colleges around the country "are all somewhat uneasy about business coming on campus and marketing to students directly."

"We'll never replace reference librarians or the librarians who introduce students to information-seeking techniques. It's not our goal to ever replace those functions," Buchanan said. "If I thought Questia was going to be harmful or to replace libraries, I wouldn't have come to work for the company."

Weekly life!

Life is not a having and a getting, but a being and a becoming.

- Matthew Arnold

Supercallow...muhlfest melodically entices audience

life! on campus

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Asst. Life! Editor

The third annual **S**uper**C**allow-**A**narchistic**A**cappella-**M**uhlFest, featuring the Testostertones, Girls Next Door, a surprise group, and The Dynamics, took place on Saturday, March 17. The evening of un-accompanied vocal music showcased an amazing amount of talent.

The Testostertones is the all male a cappella group on campus. They consist of seven guys most of whom are also in The Dynamics. The group sang five numbers including a well-arranged medley.

The first song, "In the Still of the Night," belonged to the solo talent of Adam Kemmerer '02. Backing him up with tight harmonies and a sweet, precise sound was the rest of The Testostertones.

The next medley consisted of "Wading in the Velvet Sea," by the popular Vermont band Phish, moving to "Pachelbel's Canon in D," then moving again to "Basket Case," by the alternative group Green Day, and finally rounding out to a pleasing resolution of 'Pachelbel' once again. The soloists were Michael Cosdon '02, Matthew Barcewicz '03, and Gabe Feinberg '04. This arrangement displayed both the group's style and originality. Feinberg's perfect pitch and ability to blend was incredibly evident in this medley.

The third number showcased Saladine Cannady '01 singing his version of the oldies hit "Earth Angel." Cannady's attention to detail and melodious performance persona was very pleasing to the audience.

The fourth song was a rendition of "Lover Lay Down" by Dave Matthews Band. Cosdon both arranged and performed the solo for this sweetly subliminal piece.

The Testostertones portion of the festival concluded with a fun version of the famous Van Morrison song, "Brown-Eyed Girl." The three soloists were Jed Baker '03, Feinberg, and John Simolike '04. Each soloist's personality truly shined during this performance. Ever member of this group paid attention to detail and was focused to create a wonderful performance.

The next group to perform was Girls Next Door. This thirteen-member group began their performance with a skit parodying the first year students in the group. Singing five songs, this all female ensemble was filled with spirit and pizzazz.

Their first number was a catchy, contemporary tune by The Cardigans. Singing the solo in this version of "Lovefool" was Zarabeth Parker '01. Her stage presence and pitch caused the audience to focus all their attention on her.

"Tom's Diner" was the next tune on this program. The two soloists were Lauren Jolly '02 and Marie Ingrisano '03. The camaraderie between these two was both refreshing and witty. Also, Ingrisano's pitch was really solid.

Kristin Hannings '04 sang the next song called "The Rose." Her keen sense of pitch and soft personality allowed her accurately portray the attitude necessary for this sentimental ballad. Lucas Tomanelli '04 commented, "I was impressed with her ability to sing so well not to mention her composed grace."

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Avodah illustrates choreographic innovation

By Jessica Pepper
Weekly Staff Writer

life! review

The Muhlenberg dancers gracefully glided and leapt across the stage as they joined the Avodah dancers in presenting the message of making a change in today's world. The Avodah Dance Company, a modern dance ensemble rooted in the Jewish tradition performed at the Baker Theatre last Wednesday for students and guests. Three dances were performed, "Make A Change," "Negro Spirituals," and "Let My People Go."

During the first dance, "Make A Change," the professional dancers performed with the Muhlenberg Dancers including: Emily Abruzzi, Lisa Bottitta, Emily Eger, Melissa Emick, Lucinda Feller, Jan Knerr, Morgan Maholick, Meg Richwine, Marissa Salemi, Christina Spring, Bree Troise, and Michele Yuras. The students had just an hour and half to learn their parts.

In the performance "Make a Change," the dancers relayed a message about the need for racial and cultural understanding, in order for everyone to live in peace. Each dancer had an opportunity to convey the message

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Question of the Week: *Who should bring home an Oscar this year?*

"The directors of *Gladiator*, because I enjoyed the movie and thought the special effects set it apart from the rest of the films."

-John Meharg '01

"Joaquin Phoenix because he gave a startlingly layered depiction of someone crazy with power. When he was on screen he sucked the breath out of everyone else in the scene."

-Alison Hinks '03

"I feel that Julia Roberts should win for best actressfor two very nice, very big reasons... What! She's intelligent and she's a good actress."

-Dave Basner '02

"Julia Roberts should win because she's a very versatile and talented acress. Despite the fact that I did not enjoy Erin Brockovich, she was still able to play the role admirably."

-Amber Nelson '04

Compiled by Bill Lees

Guster to perform on Sunday

By Lucas Tomanelli
Asst. Opinion Editor

Photo courtesy www.guster.com

It was August of 1991 when Ryan Miller, Brian Rosenworcel and Adam Gardner met for the first time. It was freshman orientation at Tufts University, but it was also the beginning of one of the most celebrated bands among American College students. In 1992 they wrote their first album, *Parachute*, and named themselves "Gus." They spent the next three years playing gigs, selling tapes in Harvard Square, and of course, studying. They graduated from college in May 1995, bought a used van, and set out to conquer the music industry.

In July 1995, another artist signed a deal with a member of Geffen Records under the same name and the three-man group was forced to choose a new name. Now Ryan, Brian and Adam are known as Guster. In 1996, Guster recorded their second album *Goldfly* and released it during the early months of 1997. At that point, their talent and musical genius was finally recognized. Since then, Guster has teamed with Sire Records, played hundreds of shows, released a third album, and has performed on The Conan O'Brien Show.

Guster will be performing at Muhlenberg on Sunday, March 25. Doors open to Memorial Hall at 7:30 p.m. Student tickets are available for $15 at the Student Life Office, guests are $20.

Delicious voices bring flavor to the Garden Room

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Next, the group took on a whole different style with the Dixie Chicks favorite, "Goodbye Earl." Ingrisano, Lisa Valerio '03, and Dori Kavanagh '03 took on the personalities of the 'chicks.' Their adorable, fun-loving stage presences made this number a true crowd pleaser.

The final piece showcased the talents of Dana Iannuzzi '03 and Hilary Odom '01. These two 'girls,' and I use this term lightly, strutted their stuff while belting the Nancy Sinatra hit "These Boots Are Made for Walking." An added bonus was the character acting of Kavanagh that brought the house down at the end of the performance.

"This was the first time that I performed with the whole group and I really enjoyed the entire performance!" commented Girls Next Door member Sarah Kessler '02.

After the intermission, the special surprise took the stage. Graffitti Tribe, a professional a cappella group, performed an original piece to preview their performance that will take place tomorrow at 10 p.m. This group consisted of four men all with amazing pop-style voices.

Then the Dynamics took the stage. Their repertoire consisted of ten well-done songs. They began with a cute skit to bring out the song "Take On Me." Simolike sang the solo in this first number. The talent of this singer has no boundaries and is evident every time he steps on the stage.

Next, another Dave Matthews Band favorite graced the stage. Solo work in "Ants Marching" was sang by Cosdon, Rachel Shapiro '01, Tressa McCallister '01, Cannady, and Simolike. The solos of Shapiro and McCallister were made comical with the use of animated sock puppets.

Various featured soloists succeeded in making the piece a romp into the world of alternate reality.

"Scarborough Fair" was originally written by Simon and Garfunkel, but arranged for The Dynamics by Cannady. This song was a different style, but the group stayed cohesive and made it work.

Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror" showcased the amazing talents of Jennifer Caraballo '03. This song displayed her abilities to improvise and her strong, clear voice.

Sari Lehrhoff '01 sang the song "Does Anyone Care?" by The Cranberries. Her ear for harmonies and clear as a blue sky voice quality emerged. Her maturity and understanding of this song was very evident.

The next piece was another appearance from Phish. This time singing "Bouncing 'Round the Room," each section had various featured soloists succeeding in making this piece a romp into the world of alternate reality.

Shapiro, sang "You'll Be in My Heart" from the Disney movie Tarzan. Her rich alto voice was comforting as well as pleasing to listen to.

Next, the Backstreet Boys hit, "I Want it That Way," allowed the boys to showcase their talent. Barcewicz Kemmerer, Baker, Cosdon, and Cannady were all given the opportunity to explore the realm of boy band phenomena. As an added bonus Caraballo added a powerful and beautiful key change to the song.

The audience then was able to see the sexy side of The Dynamics. While singing the Latin hit "Bailamos," the group took off their Dynamic shirts and revealed club clothing underneath. Kemmerer showed off his versatile voice in this sultry number.

To finish off this concert, Shannon Lambert-Ryan '03 sang a breath-taking version of "Hide Your Eyes." Her vocal agility and beautiful sound concluded this evening of a cappella perfectly.

Llama Farmers:
El Toppo
Beggars Banquet
Check out if you like:
Foo Fighters, Snow Patrol, Pixies

By Johanna Dunkel

The Llama Farmers are one of those opening bands. You know, the kind that is quite clever, and rather catchy, but for some reason or other, you can't remember their name. They've opened for the likes of Foo Fighters, Green Day, and Feeder. Now, with their sophomore effort, *El Toppo*, the English quartet is hoping you'll remember their name. With a name like Llama Farmers it might be hard to forget them anyway.

Drummer Brooke Rogers claims that it was their name that got them their first big gig at the festival in Glastonbury, England in 1998. (By the by, they are named after a Chilean friend's nickname who went to high school with them in Greenwich England). Rogers is being a little modest. In fact, beyond their catchy name, the Llama Farmers have a quirky poppy sound that is equally appealing. It's kind of like having waffles for lunch. The Llama Farmers take the ordinary and make it random, unique, interesting.

Lead singer and songwriter Bernie Simpson has a lot to do with this. His voice is distinct against the varying rock and soft melodic interludes of the songs. But what gets you most are the lyrics. They're not your run of the mill rhymes, when they even gesture towards rhyme. No 'roses are red, violets are blue.' Instead, Simpson pulls you from bizarre lines like, "I knew a boy, with 24 carat-gold cheeks" in "Movie," that just make you go, 'huh?' To lines like, "if you say that again, I will cut off my ears and give them to someone who cares" from "You Bore Me." The entire album is fluctuating between sounds. Nothing boring here. Every song playing with different rhythms, different lyrics. Simpson says, "it's like layers of sound, you know when you listen to a bands album then leave it for a while, then listen again and hear another 14 sounds? Well, that's what I wanted." That's this album. It's "layers of sound," noises piled on top of each other. Your ears just don't get bored. All this from a band of twenty-somethings, who apparently signed with the first label that bought them a pint. They should have held out for a little more, maybe two pints.

Check out the Llama Farmers on student hosted Virgin Vinyl, Sundays 10-12 a.m. on WMUH 91.7.

Phi Sigma Sigma
would like to congratulate
the new executive board
and committee heads.
Love and Roses,
The Sisters

life! *movie listings*

March 23-25

AMC Tilghman 8

Heartbreakers
Fri.-4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 8:00
Say It Isn't So
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:00
Exit Wounds
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:30; Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 8:10
15 Minutes
Fri.-7:00; Sat.-1:00, 7:00; Sun.-1:00, 7:50
Get Over It
Fri.-4:00, 9:40; Sat.-4:00, 9:40; Sun.-4:00
The Mexican
Fri.-4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:10
See Spot Run
Fri.-4:20, 7:20; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:20; Sun.-1:20, 4:20
Chocolat
Fri.-4:00, 7:20, 10:15; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:15; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:50
Down to Earth
Fri.-5:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sat.-1:20, 5:00, 8:00, 10:00; Sun.-1:20, 5:00, 8:15
Hannibal
Fri. and Sat.-9:50; Sun.-7:45

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

Say It Isn't So
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Avodah is full of sound ideas

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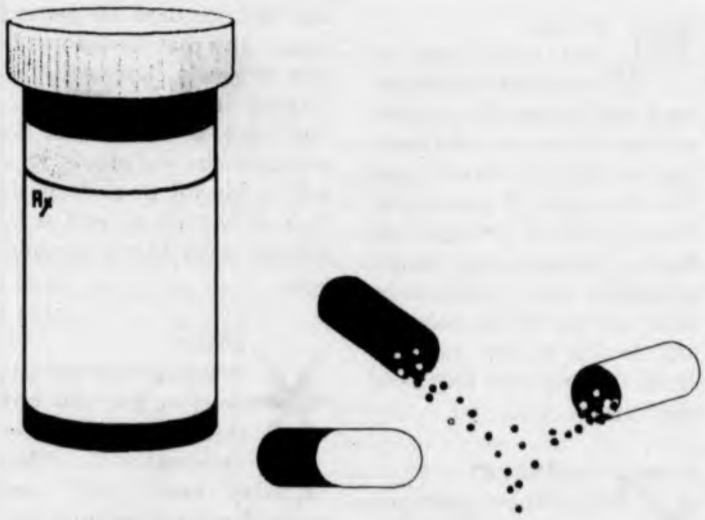
through their movements. At the end of the dance routine, the audience was taken by surprise as singing was introduced to the performance. All the dancers sang a short song with the exact words, "Make a Change." This message was further exemplified in the next two pieces performed by the professional dancers of the Avodah Dance Company.

Inbetween dances, the choreographer and founder of the Avodah Company, JoAnne Tucker, spoke to the audience about the nature of the dances performed. She explained that "Negro Spirituals," choreographed by modern dance pioneer Helen Tamiris, and "Let My People Go," choreographed by Louis Johnson and Tucker, connect the similarities between African American culture and Judaism. The themes in the dances linked the suffering, oppression, and pain felt during times of slavery for African Americans with the biblical story of Moses and the Jewish slaves in Egypt. "Let My People Go" was created in 1988, with the intent to unify the African American and Jewish comminutes during a time of tension between them. The dancers expressed deep emotion through movement, facial expression, song, percussive music, and the Hebrew and English description of the story of Moses and Pharaoh as described in the book of Exodus.

It was clear that the dancing captivated the audience as they closely watched the serious and sometimes comical actions involved. There was a great appreciation for the distinct message illustrated through the performance. Many went home with a new connection between two cultures that may not have been evident before.



'Mafia on Prozac' encourages inner reflection

life! *review*

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Asst. Life! Editor

This past weekend, *Mafia on Prozac*, a play by Edward Allen Baker, was performed in the Martin Luther Underground.

This play took a refreshing look at life and the events that take place during one's lifespan. Sometimes these choices are made by chance, and other times they are choices of which we are fully aware.

It was directed by Kimberly Lecci, co-stage managed by Kevin McKeon and Christopher Coleman, and assistant stage-managed by Hope Curry.

The cast consisted of Frank Vain, Ben Donson, and Justin Buchbinder. The first two actors played Tee and Jay, two life-long best friends who happen to work for the mafia. The relationship between these actors was one of love, camaraderie, and even conflict at times.

The third actor, Justin Buchbinder, played Matt, a middle-aged man who fell in love with the mafia boss' daughter. His character was often found deciphering the language of the two hit men while still dealing with his own life problems.

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Recital promotes diversity

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-In-Chief

life! on campus

At the annual recital sponsored by the Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department, student talent was presented in a unique multilingual and multicultural performance, with song, dance, and readings.

The event began as a small showcase for French plays. But this Friday's performance in the Center for the Arts' Recital Hall proved a transformation, featuring many more genres of talent, in a variety of languages, and representatives from countries all over the world.

Reading excerpts from Eugene Onegin in Russian, Nikolay Pandoursky '04 said that there were few who understood what he was saying, but he relied on acting and expression. "The event brought a lot of diversity into the daily Muhlenberg life," he said. He said that although the College may not look very diverse, it's events like these that show there is a variety of interest in other languages and cultural experiences. "It spices up the scenery," Pandoursky explained.

The event is organized by language professors Patricia DeBellis and Lisa Perfetti. This year, a traditional Indian dance, a Chinese ribbon dance, French, Italian, Spanish and Russian songs, Russian, French and Spanish dialogues, and Italian poetry with the sound of a Gregorian chant in the background.

The Recital Hall was full, with an audience of professors, parents and students alike. The success of the event is important to multicultural life and learning. DeBellis explained, "The success of this recital shows that foreign language always has a future at Muhlenberg."

Muhlenberg showcased its first Asian Cultural Festival last weekend. *Above*: Dance Beijing perfoms traditional Chinese dance. *Below*: Martial arts demonstration by members of Bethlehem Kung Fu Center.

horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries

Your desire to be involved in as many groups as possible on campus is making your schedule nearly impossible to manage. Rather than distributing your time between numerous organizations, try to concentrate your energy on a few different groups. This will not only make your life more manageable, but it will also be more beneficial to the organizations of which you are a member.

Taurus

Don't let your stress about school and your friends get you down. Channel this nervous energy into a sport that you enjoy or lessen these anxieties by talking with a trustworthy friend. You will not only feel better, but you will also increase your physical health!

Gemini

You are constantly denying yourself of wonderful experiences because you are afraid of embarrassing yourself. Rather than spending the rest of your life doing only those things that you know you can do, go out on a limb and try new things. No matter how foolish you may think you look, as long as you have confidence in yourself no one else will view you in this way!

Cancer

You have had your eye on someone for a while, and you think that you would like to get to know this person better. However, you have been discouraged by your friends who think that your crush is less than attractive. Regardless of what your friends may think, remember that beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Also keep in mind that while physical beauty fades with time, intelligence, humor and compassion only grow stronger!

Leo

Catching up on the latest gossip is often fun because you learn various tidbits about different people. However, try to restrain yourself from spreading the rumors because it is rarely true, and it nearly always upsets people.

Virgo

You have recently become extremely caught up in your physical appearance. You can't help but wish that your body was half as flawless as those of the models and the actors that you see in the magazines. When you feel yourself getting depressed about your own body take action by exercising and eating well. However, you should also remember that most people do not look as good in real life as they do in a magazine.

Libra

Take a chance this week. There are many good things in store for you but you are going to have to break out of your shell and be more outgoing in order to find them. While it is true that good things come to those who wait, those who take action will also be rewarded!

Scorpio

You have been so busy lately take a step back and review the past few weeks. Once you take some time to breathe you will realize why one of your good friends has been acting so odd lately. Despite your hectic schedule, try to find some time during which you can talk to this person and give them the help that they need right now.

Sagittarius

You know what you want to do when you graduate from college but it seems as if it will be nearly impossible to attain this position. Rather than concentrating on the impossibility of your dream try doing something about it. Don't be embarrassed to actively pursue your dreams, because as the saying goes, "You will never know until you try!"

Capricorn

You are a kind person who can often be described as overly sensitive, but you have a tendency to think that giving gifts will buy you love. While giving gifts is a thoughtful gesture it can not replace such things as honesty, loyalty and compassion. Therefore, when showing someone how much you love them try to make them something creative or doing something nice for them.

Aquarius

The semester is gradually winding down and you have so much to do you have not even realized that the days are getting longer and that the temperature is slowly climbing. Try taking a little time each day to just relax, daydream and do whatever else you enjoy. This will enable you to accomplish your daily tasks as well as to admire everything around you.

Pisces

Weekends are typically slow for you but this one will be quite different. This Saturday keep your eyes peeled for an opportunity that will significantly alter your life for the better!

Phi Sigma Sigma invites all freshmen girls to our Annual Ice Cream Social:
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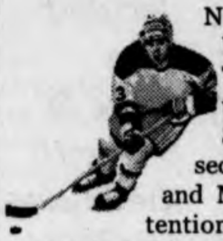
At the Phi Sigma Sigma house.

Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

NBA – The Portland Blazers have fallen from being #1 in the West to #5, tied with Dallas. Following a 45-11 start, they have won only 14 of the last 26 games. After putting together one of the best teams that money can buy, they have failed to keep their hot players from being hotheaded. Rasheed Wallace has already been ejected from six games and is on his way to more than 40 technical fouls.

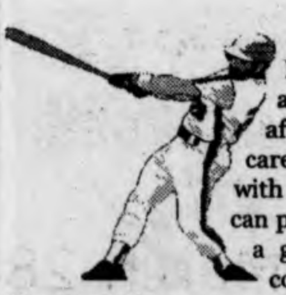
Charles Barkley, an 11-time All-Star, has announced that he is considering returning to basketball next season. He retired last year after 16 seasons. Currently, he is working as an analyst for Turner Sports. During the halftime of TNT's telecast of the Minnesota-San Antonio game, he stated, "I am still thinking about it. If I get myself in great shape and I feel good physically, I am going to play next year, but only if I can help a team." The comeback might be with the Washington Wizards.



NHL – On Sunday night, the Detroit Red Wings defeated the San Jose Sharks 6-4. Tomas Holmstrom, a five-year veteran of the ice, scored a career high 3 goals. The Sharks were able to tie the game during the second period with two goals by Todd Harvey and Mike Ricci, bringing them back into contention. However, they couldn't keep their momentum going. Right wing Teemu Selanne expressed, "We just have to pull everything together. We need one good game to get our confidence back and boom, we'll be right back."

PGA – Tiger Woods won his first title of 2001 by one stroke on Sunday, taking home the Bay Hill Invitational's $3.5 million prize. Woods edged past Phil Mickelson by one stroke on the last hole by sinking a curling 15-foot birdie. At the par-4 18th hole, Woods hit a drive that came within 5 feet of going out of bounds. But luckily, or unluckily, he hit a spectator in the neck. The spectator then picked up the ball before dropping it back on the ground. But under league rules, Woods was required to take a free drop. This title was his first in nine tournaments.

Tennis – Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras have met 30 times throughout their careers. Sampras owns the series at 17-13, but at the Tennis Masters Series on Sunday, it was Agassi's turn to take the lead. This is the first time he has won after 13 years of competing in this tournament. He beat Sampras 7-6 (7-5), 7-5 and 6-1. Agassi has also started off better than Sampras by winning the Australian Open in January.



Baseball – In the past, Edgar Martinez had been threatening that any season could be his last. However, after leading the AL with 145 RBI and a career-high 37 runs, he's going to stay with the game a bit longer. "As long as I can produce, I want to keep doing it. I had a good year last year and I definitely couldn't leave the game. This is what I've done for so many years and this is what I like to do," expressed Martinez.

Corey Patterson, a rookie for the Cubs, is having a terrible spring training, batting only a .200 thus far. With this batting average, it is very unlikely that he will be starting center field. Todd Dunwoody may have the job. His career average is .238.

Baseball defeats Moravian by five runs

By Michael Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules beat the Moravian Grey Hounds 6-1 after dropping a tough 4-5 loss to Lebanon Valley.

Joshua Carter pitched a fantastic game, allowing four hits and one unearned run over eight innings. Carter gave up his one unearned run in the second inning. Junior Greg Frein closed out the game with a solid 1-2-3 inning.

Offensively, the Mules set a team record with seven doubles. Carter and senior Garrett Pachtinger each had two doubles, Seniors David Wolf and Michael Cirillo and Junior Steve Rohn each had one, accounting for the Mules high powered offense.

The Mules scored most of their runs in the first four innings, building a 5-1 lead. Outfielder Justin Rubenstein knocked in two additional runs in the third inning, putting the game away for good. In addition to his double, first baseman Wolf had two more hits, going 3 of 4 and knocking in one run.

Wolf said, "We are really starting to come together as a team. We look forward to going into conference play against Haverford next Tuesday. We are planning on winning the conference championship."

Sophomore Rubenstein added, "As a team, we played well together. We played tough against a good Moravian team. We played solid defense and hit the ball well."

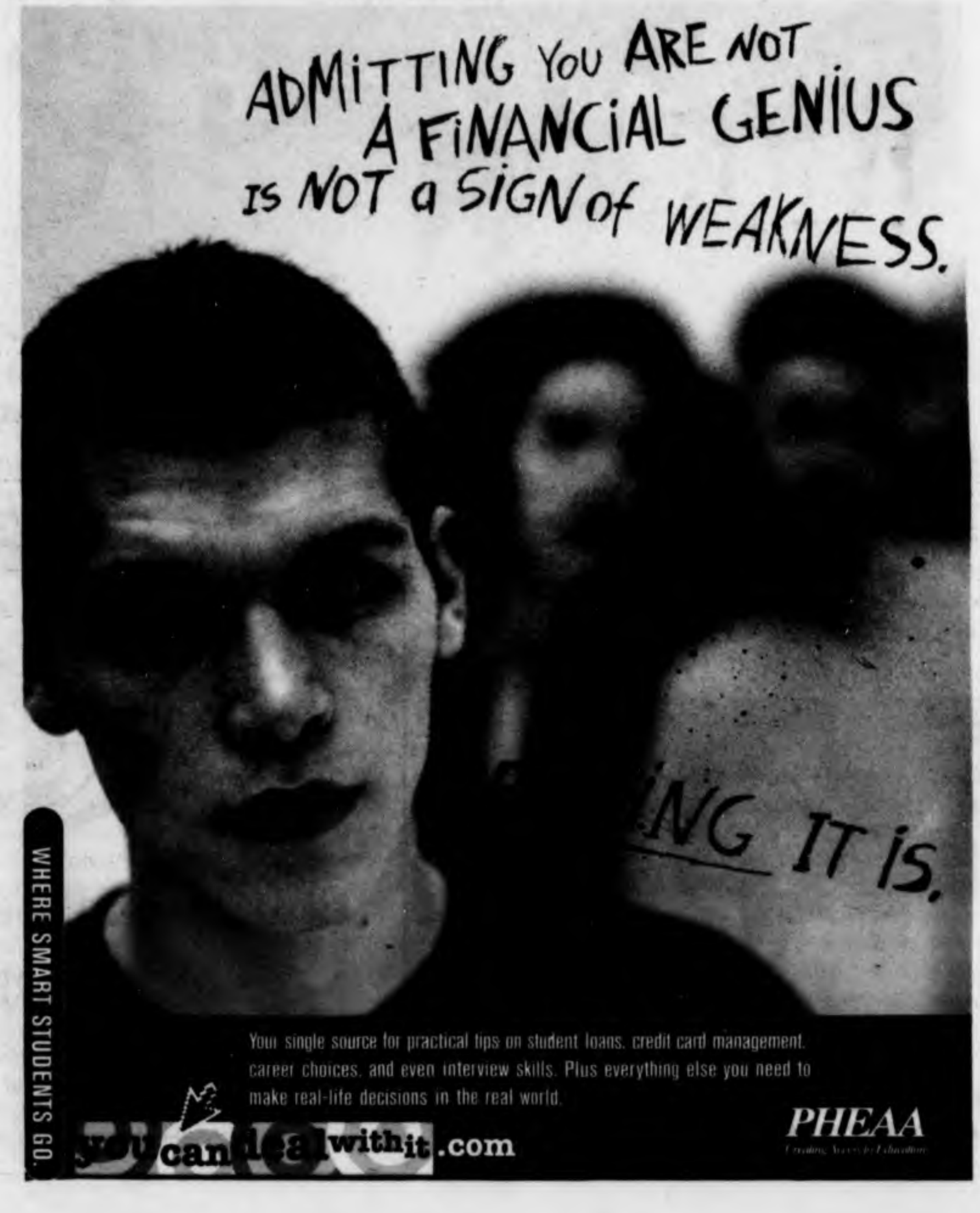
Pachtinger said "It is easy to be dedicated and play hard every day when you know that everyone around you is doing the same."

Head Coach Robert Macaluso was very pleased with his team's performance. "The highlight of the game was pitching. We played solid defensive. Josh Carter only gave up four hits. The highlights of the game were definitely pitching and defense."

Entering Tuesday's game against Wilkes, the Mules' record is 6 wins and 8 losses. The Mules' pitching is led by Carter whose record is 2-1 overall. Sophomore Justin Graf leads the team with a .432 batting average and nineteen hits. Wolf leads the team in RBI's with a total of twelve. Junior Mike Morris and Sophomore Carl Kersetter each lead the team with one home run.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Senior Garret Pachtinger warms up before batting.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Women's Lacrosse defeats Kean 12-4

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Conference games. Tuesday they are playing under the lights against Widener, Thursday at Washington, and Saturday at home against Dickinson. Stuckel expects the Mules to learn and improve from each game this week, as they have done with their first two games of the season.

"We are just trying to focus on using our strengths and personnel in the best way that we can. Our practices have been focusing on finding each person's strengths and figuring out how to out it into our game plan for that day," Stuckel explained.

> *"We are just trying to focus on using our strengths and personnel in the best way we can.*
>
> -Coach Kristen Stuckel

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Kean struggles to keep up as the Mules recover the ball and fast break up the field.

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

The Mules set up their defense as Kean begins to look for the open person. But Kean would only score four goals to the Mules' twelve.

Men's Tennis loses to John Hopkins 4-3

BY JUSTIN DEUTSCH
Weekly Sports Writer

In their first Centennial Conference match of the season, the Mules lost to Johns Hopkins 4-3 in a close battle between the two teams who tied for second place in the CC a year ago. The loss, coupled with a victory by the Mules earlier in the week against non-conference foe Albright, left the Mules with a 1-3 overall record and a 0-1 mark in the Centennial Conference.

The match against Johns Hopkins was close throughout. In singles, the Mules and the Blue Jays each won three matches. Four of the six singles between the teams ended up going to a third set. Senior Robby Richman, Sophomore Brad Scheller, and Freshman Justin Fulton were singles winners for the Mules. Richman was able to recover after falling in the first set to defeat Jamie Saxe 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 1-0. Scheller also needed three sets but came on top of Kevin Alford 6-4, 3-6, 6-3 in number two singles. Fulton, playing in number five singles, only needed two sets to defeat Sion Roy of the Blue Jays' 7-5, 6-2.

Richman and Scheller were the only Mules to come up with victories in doubles matches against Johns Hopkins. The duo was victorious in number one doubles 9-7. Johns Hopkins won the number two and three doubles matches to clinch the victory over the Mules, handing the Mules their first Centennial Conference loss in their first Conference game of the spring season.

Earlier in the week, the Mules had their first match since returning from Florida. Coming off of two losses in Florida, the Mules were able to pick up their first win of the spring season with a win over Albright 5.5 - 1.5. The Mules dominated the Lions in singles matches, winning five out of six.

Scheller was especially impressive with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over the Lion's Keene Turner. Sophomore Matt Fleissig also played well, coming out on top of Matt Short 6-1, 6-1. Senior Mike McCormick, Sophomore Cameron Parke, and Freshman Justin Fulton were also victorious in singles matches. All three doubles matches were decided by a score of 8-6 with the Mules coming out on top in two out

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Through the Lens:

Men's Lacrosse

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The club lacrosse team played on the varsity football field on Thursday night.

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Profile of a Mule

Despite setbacks, Lunardi has continued to persevere

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Junior midfielder Teresa Lunardi found her love for lacrosse when she was in middle school in Westchester, Penn. She continued throughout high school and was positive she wanted to play when she came to college. Despite a torn ACL in her freshman year, Lunardi continues to be an excellent contributor to the Mules' lacrosse team.

Head Coach Kristen Stuckel began coaching both the women's field hockey and lacrosse teams last summer. Her addition to the team is one that has caused a remarkable turnaround in the way the girls play and think about the sport.

Lunardi comments, "Our coach is so positive and enthusiastic. She has a great attitude and a lot of confidence in the team. She always motivates us and reminds us of how well we can play, and also really helps us all work together."

The team is currently composed of ten freshmen, four sophomores, and two seniors, with Lunardi being the only junior. She looks at this in a positive light and is not worried about the fact they have lost a lot of talented upperclassmen from last year. "I think we are getting so much better. With the positive attitude we have now, the program will only become stronger and people will want to stick with it, making the team even better. I also believe with this improved team, more talented players will want to come to Muhlenberg to play."

She is enthusiastic about the shortly anticipated transformation of the men's lacrosse team from being a club sport to earning varsity status. She believes it will be good to have the men's team here for support and more recognition.

When speaking about exactly how the women's team was going to get better, Lunardi was very energetic. "We have begun an extensive lifting program this year that we do four times a week. In practice, we do a lot of drills that incorporate working on skills with running. Next year, we can have an even earlier head start now that Coach Stuckel is here permanently."

There are many reasons why Lunardi has stuck with the sport despite some rough times. "The sport is so fun and I really love the competition. I really want this program to get better. I've always believed it can be better", she says.

With so few upperclassmen on the team, Lunardi has been playing an active role in helping the team to improve. "I have had an opportunity to take on a very important leadership role. I have learned to be a good communicator between the coach and the players and I like helping the freshman getting adjusted to playing a college sport." She also adds, "Sometimes it is hard to remember that we all have different skill levels-for some girls they are beginners at the sport. I am really happy though, because everyone is picking up on it all so fast."

Lunardi also says, "I would like to see us continue to come together as a strong team. We are all trying to get a really solid program together. I want us to be that team that people don't want to play."

Besides all of the team's efforts to improve, Lunardi knows that there are things she needs to work on personally to become a better player. "The coaches have helped me realize that there is always something I can work on to make myself better, whether it is my left-handed stick skills or another aspect of the sport."

Off the field, Lunardi has a very exciting life. This past summer, she traveled to Costa Rica with a class that combined science and Spanish culture. These topics interest her very much, as she is a Natural Science major and is minoring in Spanish. This summer, she is going to work as an orderly in an operating room. She loves to dance and play the piano. She also hopes to study in Ecuador next semester.

Through the Lens:

Women's Rugby

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of the three. Richman and Scheller were once again winners in number one doubles, and Parke and Fleissig, paired as number two doubles partners, defeated their opponents to give the Mules an impressive overall victory.

The Mules will have a chance to reach the .500-mark with wins in their matches. Tuesday, they traveled to Elizabethtown, a member of the Middle Atlantic Conference. The Mules will host Drew for a tennis match today. A year ago, the Mules and Drew had an early season match, and the Mules cruised to a 6-1 win. The Mules only lost one singles match and one doubles match on their way to victory over the Rangers. The Mules' win a year ago against the Rangers came in the midst of the Mules' seven match-winning streak to open the season.

Softball extends wins to 6

Danielle DeLucia named pitcher of the week by Centennial Conference

By Cheryl Godfrey
Weekly Sports Writer

The softball team has extended their wins this season to six this past weekend after competing in the Salisbury State Tournament held in Maryland.

At the outing, the team won 2 games and lost 2 games. The two losses resulted from a single poor inning played within each game.

"There was one inning where we faltered," comments Coach Ruth Gibbs about the 8-0 loss to Virginia Wesleyan on Friday and the 4-0 loss to Cabrini on Saturday. "It was disappointing more than anything."

Gibbs maintains that these tournament games prepare the team for the Centennial Conference. "We have a really rough schedule. But the tougher the schedule, the better we have to be."

With regard to the losses, Junior Angie Tyson, pitcher for the team, relates "the games that we lost, we could've played better." About Saturday's game against Cabrini, Tyson expressed that "we had people on the bases, but we just couldn't get them in." However, there were some players who were hitting well. On the first day of the tournament, Freshman Becky Toth hit 4 for 5 in two games, one against Virginia Wesleyan, and the other against Wesley. The Mules defeated Wesley by 3 runs.

During the second day of the games, Kelly Berg batted 4 for 4 against King's, who the Mules beat 6-3. Missy Arnott also hit 5 for 10 during the weekend.

This past week, Freshman Danielle DeLucia has been named pitcher of the week by the Centennial Conference. DeLucia started the season by going 3-0 with a save in her first four games. She is third in the CC with a 1.50 ERA.

In the last two games, Junior Liz Kostelnick, one of three captains, also added that both King's and Cabrini "hit the ball extremely hard. There were line drives down the third-base line that our third baseman handled nicely."

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Sports

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Women's tennis smashes Conference opponent Hopkins 6-3

Waldowski and Lutzer set record for most career double wins

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

The Women's tennis team began its season by smashing fellow Centennial Conference member John Hopkins 6-3 on Saturday, Mar. 17. Last year, the team lost by the same score. This is the first time in College history that the Mules have won their CC opener.

The team split the single matches and won all of the doubles. Seniors Kerri Waldowski and Marissa Lutzer won their doubles match 8-4, also setting a school record for most career wins as a teammate 14.

Freshman Megan Schreiber won her singles match, and Waldowski and Junior Jennifer Chung won both their singles and doubles matches. Freshman Mackenzie Parke, Sophomore Samantha Evans, and Lutzer lost their singles matches.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Freshman Mackenzie Parke winds up while serving.

"As a team we played solidly. We came out strong and we closed strong. This year we have a lot of talent and a lot of potential," expressed Sophomore Lindsay Goward. "It was good to win that match, seeing we lost last year. It's a good pace setter for the season."

On Tuesday, Mar. 20, the team faced Franklin & Marshall, four-time defending CC champions. They haven't lost to a Conference opponent in 41 straight matches. Unfortunately, that margin extended to 42, as the Mules lost 5-4. The team won 2 of the 3 doubles and 2 of the 6 singles.

"It's frustrating to come that close and lose it. But it's refreshing to know we put up such a good fight, especially since we lost last year 9-0," said Freshman Sarah Niebler.

This season, the team is retaining only two seniors and two sophomores. Six new players join the ranks this coming year. "I think we're a lot stronger this year," said assistant coach Mary Bernd.

Last year, the Mules ended with a record of 4 and 10. However, this season they have already managed a .500 season.

Over spring break, the team traveled to Florida for spring training. On any team with so many newcomers, team unity is an issue. "I think our trip to Miami helped bring the girls together," said Bernd. "I think that we are really starting to work as a team instead of individuals."

Waldowski, returning for her fourth season on the team, stated, "I think that this is the best we've ever been, at least since I've been on the team. We just have so much talent and depth. I think we can win almost all of our matches. I'm very confident in the team."

The team's next match is against Montclair State, today at 3 p.m. Last season, the Mules lost 4-5. This year, Bernd expressed, "we're starting off with some of our hardest competition."

"After our performance on Tuesday against Franklin and Marshall, I am confident about every upcoming match," expressed Waldowski. "While we lost, it just proves so much about our ability."

Photo by Scott Swartz

Freshman Megan Schreiber prepares to serve against the Blue Jays. The Mules won their CC opener for the first time ever.

Women's lacrosse whips Kean by eight points in season opener last Thursday

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's lacrosse team opened the season with a blowout against Kean last Thursday, 12-4. Following the win was a tough loss against Franklin and Marshall, 18-7, at home on Saturday.

The win against Kean led Muhlenberg to its third consecutive season-opening win. Teresa Lunardi had 5 goals and an assist in the first 10 minutes alone, as the Mules opened up with a 7-0 lead. Senior Miruna Lovin added 4 more goals for her 19th career hat trick, and freshman Candice Coffman scored her first career goal. Sophomore Lynsey Caldwell helped the team with 2 more goals and an assist. Stephanie Ahrens was in goal with 5 saves. This was the first time since the 1997 season that the defense allowed less than five goals. "Opening with a win was a great way for us to set the tone for our season," commented Coach Kristen Stuckel.

Although their Centennial Conference opener at home against Franklin and Marshall on Saturday was a loss, the Mules were able to take the loss as a learning experience. Stuckel explained, "Franklin and Marshall is a great ranked team, and we had a very good first half against them."

At the end of the first half with 1:31 left, the Mules were trailing only 7-5, but Franklin and Marshall, ranked 19, scored the next 11 goals. Lovin had 6 goals, passing 150 points for her career. She is only the third Muhlenberg student to pass 150 points. Each goal and assist is calculated as one point each. Lunardi also scored one goal against Franklin and Marshall.

Muhlenberg had 10 shots on goal; Ahrens had 6 saves in goal. "Opening with a win was great for our team's confidence, and we can just look at the loss against Franklin and Marshall as a way to see what we need to work on as a team," explained freshman player Marthy Sullivan.

Women's lacrosse has three games this upcoming week; two of the three are

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After chartering, brothers embark on sobriety tour

By Noah Biere
Party Editor

Brothers at Phi Kappa Tau have begun their sobriety tour, wherein they are visiting other chapters of Phi Tau and other fraternities promoting sobriety, sexual abstinence and community service.

The group has acquired a large yellow truck and is driving this week to schools on the east coast. During Easter break, they will travel to chapters west of the Mississippi.

Brothers say that the tour has gotten a mixed reception. Some chapters, upon seeing the truck with "PKT sobriety TOUR 2001" emblazoned on the side, respond with cheers; others respond with confusing looks.

"The hell is that?" one asked. "It looks like the friggin' Partridge family."

"It's really a shame that some people don't understand the power of sobriety," Chris Salierno, coordinator of the tour, said. "On the other hand, there are a great many chapters that receive us with open arms."

Weekly editors pressed Salierno to specify which chapters those were. "Well, I can't really tell you EXACTLY what chapters, but I'm pretty sure that some people thought it was good," Salierno responded.

At Penn State, the response was somewhat negative. "Go teach school!" the brothers yelled at the yellow truck.

"I already DO teach school!" Jerry Diaz screamed in response, causing the brothers to cower in embarrassment.

"I mean, we support this, definitely," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said. "But we want to emphasize one more time that this is not an effort by the College to make this a dry campus. It's not."

Brothers outside their sobriety tour truck.

Parking problems are solved: Prosser now a 250-space lot

BOYCOTT KRAFT

Beth Freeman is living out of her Toyota Corolla.

By Ozzy Osbourne
Crazy Train Conductor

The College has torn down Prosser Hall and has replaced it with a parking lot in an effort to alleviate parking concerns in the area.

"I really believe that this makes Muhlenberg a better college," Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg said. "Parking has been a continuing concern of our students and we feel in this case that having adequate parking trumps having adequate housing."

There will be 250 new spaces in the lot, replacing a decades-old building that housed about 400 freshmen.

"I know this may sound controversial, but I want to dispel any rumors right now," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said. "This is not in an effort to make this a dry campus."

Students were offered incentives to live out of their cars and to forego their right to campus housing. "Because living out of a car indeed represents a sacrifice," Ehrenberg said, "we are offering students a $500 tuition voucher for every semester they live out of their cars."

Dustin Stein is one student who is taking advantage of the offer. He is living out of his Honda Insight, a gasoline-electric hybrid car that gets about 70 miles to a gallon, holds one adult and has storage space for one suitcase and one carry-on bag. He is renting a commuter locker from the College in the basement of Seegers for his books.

"You really have no idea how much electricity you use in a regular room," Stein said. "And plus, when you breathe from the third or fourth story, the carbon dioxide you release is closer to the ozone and makes it up there quicker."

Some students are angry that their parents bought them small BMW's instead of large SUV's earlier this year.

More destruction: Ettinger torn down for 'green space'

By Leif Greene
Contributing Conservationist

In yet another step toward its oft-declared goal of improving campus "green space," the College announced yesterday that it will tear down Ettinger and replace it with croquet, shuffleboard and boccie courts.

"I think this is really a positive addition to the College," Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg said.

"Nary a day goes by without someone coming into my office and commenting about (a) the waning green space and (b) how we really need some alternatives for those preparing for octogenarianism," Ehrenberg added.

The departments of history, political science, business administration, economics, accounting, sociology, anthropology, foreign language and communication will be moved to the Commons building.

"There's more than enough room in there for social sciences like that," Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch said. "Now if you'll excuse me, I made the quarterfinals in boccie and I'm up against Bill Dunham, so I'd better practice."

"I will go on the record right here and right now as saying that we are not trying to make this a dry campus," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said. "We're not."

During the winter, a large tent will cover the area and, along with warm milk and tea, students and faculty will be able to play Monopoly.

About this issue

This is our annual April Fools Day issue. For those of you unfamiliar with our tradition, we make up all the material from cover to cover. Please do not misread this issue: we are only joking.

While reading, please look out for the social commentary that is contained within our writing. But if you are mentioned, please do not take it as a personal offense. We do not intend to hurt anyone, just to make everyone laugh and think a little.

And if Chip were here, we're sure he'd reassure you all that he's not trying to make this a dry campus.

Thanks for reading, and enjoy!

P.S.: All the ads are real; please take them seriously.

Inside

Dorms complete

Construction on the new dorms has been halted, as the College president wants to lend a 'natural look' to the buildings. Page 7.

War on Weekly

Student Council declared war on The Weekly. Page 7.

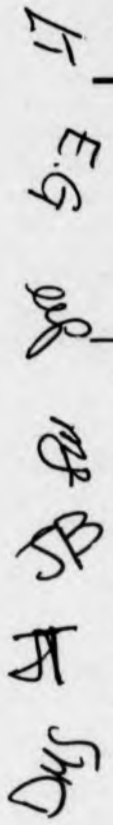
Honorary Degree

Carol Shiner Wilson will present The Question Marquis with an honorary degree. Page 8.

Conspiracy Theory

Who's behind all the negative press you've read all year? You'll never guess! Page 6.

The Weekly Review



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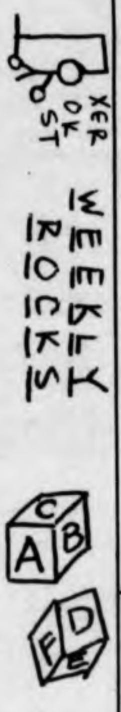

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all membrs of the muhlenberg comunity enjoy reading articls on topics ranging from the latest on the capitol campaign to more on the capitol campaign to assistant dean of students chip saying, “we are not trying to turn muhlenberg into a dry campus.”

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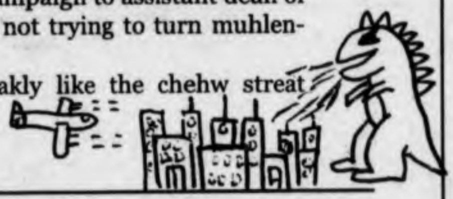

Next Week’s Weekly Discourse Topic:

Why no one reads the Weekly Discourse

Is it because you only read Campus Safety Notes and Horoscopes?

Those in writing contact The Weekly via smoke signal, messenger pigeon or paper airplane.

WHAT IS THE DEAL?!?!

Has anyone ever wondered what the hell Tonypandy is? And what’s up with that damn Marconi? Why is he doing experiments? Is Dan Russo getting paid to donate his body to science? Are we really reviewing something, or should we call it an editorial? And WHAT IS THE DEAL with this discourse thing?!? Sure, it was great when Dr. J. Christopher Kovats-Shiznat was writing, but I for one am tired of listening to uninformed students writing about whatever is on their minds. But then again, send in your articles. We enjoy getting a good laugh at your expense every week. If you’ve gotten this far in the paragraph, then let me make an obscure reference: Purple Monkey Dishwasher. Be here next week for the same old drivel. See ya.

Running back to Tonypandy

My Dream Man: Nader Timberlake

Beth Freeman
Weekly Bleeding Heart

Ralph Nader once said, "The only thing that will save our world from corporate greed and widespread globalization is boy bands." With that in mind, last Friday I decided to officially sell out. What prompted this decision? Two words (that will soon be a household name): Graffiti Tribe.

Normally I like listening to a cappella music as much as I like listening to George W. Bush. However, because of my nostalgia for Graffiti Tribe's performance during my freshman year, I went to their Friday night concert.

To my surprise, Graffiti Tribe had changed from an a cappella group to a boy band. Drum machine, sleeveless tops, spiked hair: they had it all. I tried to resist their charm, but with their deep and touching lyrics, who could? Girl, I want to blow into your heart / Nothing will tear us apart. I was changed.

Normally in this column, I tell embarrassingly personal stories and attempt to relate them to some great system of values. But like I said, I have officially sold out. To quote some random girl I just met: "All you have to say is 'hot guys', and I'm there." Butting in, Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said, “Hot guys are good and all, but I am certainly not trying to turn this into a dry campus.” So, to hell with social and environmental justice! I say embrace values of lust and superficiality. Why think of the future? As long as we have boy bands, there will be peace. This is what democracy looks like.

But like I said, I have officially sold out... “All you have to say is 'hot guys', and I'm there.”

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

On the heels of the response I received from my last article, I gave substantial thought about writing again. So I figured I would educate my classmates on the Fourth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The Amendment protects against unreasonable searches and seizures. Since the Constitution protects against such searches and seizures, it certainly holds true for everywhere! Especially private colleges! Considering we come here voluntarily, and are free to leave at any time we are protected even more than most Americans.

I got a few calls from professors suggesting I consult with the recent case law dating back to the 18th century regarding the First Amendment. However, I never really got around to it. Could there really be such a big difference between what it plainly says in the Constitution and what the Supreme Court has ruled? I think not. Ha! I saved myself a substantial amount of time by not looking into the case law, and still know what the legal rules are. I'm so smart. I wonder if I could do that, why is the Supreme Court even there? Eh, not important enough for me to think about. Back to my lecture. In sum, what I'm trying to say, is that whats in the Fourth Amendment is whats in the Fourth Amendment. Really, at the end of the day, it doesn't matter what the Supreme Court says, or what legal doctrines have been developed over the past two hundred and fourteen years. Why should that change what is said in the Constitution? It shouldn't! Therefore, because there is protecting from unlawful searches and seizures, means that no one can hold me for small amount of time to investigate without probable cause, or anything like that. Also, without a search warrant or probable cause they can't look into my car. Supreme Court, Shushmeen Short!

- Pandy Oag, '01

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ITS OKAY, EVEN THE EDITORS DON'T REALLY GET RUSSO'S ARTICLES

DAN RUSSO

Live from Allentown: it's Tuesday morning.

"It's colder than my grandma's nipples out here."

"Yep."

"So what's a suspicious looking guy like you doing on an uncomfortable bench like this?"

"Is that supposed to be a pick up line? If it is, I'm not interested."

"That's not what I meant. When I saw you sitting here, I got the vibe that you're feeling down. You could use someone to talk to."

"No, thanks. I just need some fresh air...Hey, don't I know you from somewhere?"

"Could be. Once I was a 'motivational speaker.' You sure there's nothing I can help you with?"

"Well, since you brought it up, yeah, maybe there is. I'm doing awful in my classes. Even if I pass them all and graduate in two months like I'm supposed to, I have no job lined up. I haven't even started looking. I've struggled with school. Now, it's almost done, and the world beyond this seems like such a drag. I'm afraid of getting stuck in some meaningless job, clocking in and out while the life drains from me...These student loans are already freaking me out, and I haven't even started paying them-nevermind future rent and utility bills. What if I have to move back in with my parents? I don't know if I could handle that. Then, there's all these expectations...the bottom line is I don't know what I want or where I'm going. What does it take to find happiness? At this point I don't want to try at anything anymore. I don't care...what's wrong with me?"

"Listen, so what if you weren't exactly a 'straight A student' and you didn't exactly 'apply yourself' for the last four years? Who cares if you aren't exactly the 'big man on campus' and you still 'spit when you talk'? It doesn't really matter that you didn't exactly 'learn' anything and you're a 'complete idiot'. The important thing is that you're flexible enough to pick up aluminum cans off the ground.

"Why's that important?"

"So you can sell them to the recycling plant. That way you'll earn enough money to survive on pork rinds when you're LIVING IN A VAN DOWN BY THE RIVER!"

"You call yourself a motivator? Now I feel worse. I guess that's what I get for listening to a guy who has sweat stains the size of pie plates under his arms. What's with all your girations and spasmatic finger quoting anyway? I'm outta here.

"Wait...um...before I hit it big I was just a goofy fat kid from Wisconson who had a dream. If I can make it, anybody can. You gotta keep trying.

"...Wow, somehow that makes me feel a lot better. Thanks."

"No problem."

"There's this SNL comedian performing tonight in the gym. Do you want to come with me?"

"Nah, Belushi's throwing a part up on Cloud 9. I've got to be there. In fact, I should get going. Seeya."

"Oh, alright, nice talking to you. I appreciate the advice...

...Damn, I forgot to ask his name."

I hate everyone...
the artist

The Votes are in for Senior Speaker!

Here are your thirteen finalists (there were some ties):

Ernie Campusano
Rich Colello
Ward Cloughen
Aaron Fishman
Lucas Gilbreth
Margaux Gurard
Mike Hilkowitz
Rob Holt
Ryan Kaplan
Frank Troulakis
Courtenay O'Lone
Brook Stableford
Kristyn J. Wolfrom-Hallowell

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Weekly Discourse: Hillel

What does it mean to be Jewish and do Jewish?

Sol Rosensteinbergenthal

Weekly Doing Jewish Correspondent

Being Jewish to me is so like the time I stepped off of the plane landing in Israel and having the mojo of Judaism flowing through my veins. It was like a whole bunch of Jewish flowing through my being with the force and power of thousands of Jews doing Jewish to achieve a higher sense of Jewish for a thousand years. It was the entire history of the Jewish struggle rushing with its Mack Truck-like force.

It was then it hit me: the Birthright Israel program is the quintessential act of Jews doing Jewish with Jewish and other Jewish Jews to form a more perfect sphere of Jewishness. But this event made me reflect on Hillel back at good ole Muhlenberg. To a certain extent, the Shabbat dinners and bagel brunches are also acts of Jews doing Jewish with Jewish food and other Jews seeking the compay of other Jews in hopes of Jews doing other Jews.

> *The...act of Jews doing Jewish with Jewish and other Jewish Jews to form a more perfect sphere of Jewishness.*

It wasn't until I went to Israel that I understood the power of a collaboration of Jews doing Jewish, well you know how it goes. I even saw a bunch of Israeli soldiers dodging rocks and firing back with their high-powered rifles, and even then I recognized the power of Jews doing Jewish. Granted the firepower helped, but the real force behind was Jews doing Jewish with other Jews. That's totally the group of Palestinians running away - not the bullets whizzing over their heads - it was the sheer, unadulterated power of Jews doing Jewish.

From this moment on, I decided to commit myself to spreading the doing of Jewish nationwide. I will be joining Patti Mittleman in this effort - a critical effort - to mobilize the doing of Jewish. Jews are about action, and not, *per se*, necessarily knowing what we are doing. Coming along on our journey will be Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd. He told me that, "he is hopes doing Jewish has no alcohol-oriented implications, but doing Jewish is not part of trying to make Muhlenberg into a dry campus."

Now to answer the question: what doing Jewish means to me? Well we really need to first establish what "doing Jewish actually is." And for this, I have no answer. All I know is that doing Jewish is something that must be done, whether or not we know what it is.

Patti Mittleman

Weekly Convert

Jews...doing Jewish...that's how it's done at Muhlenberg Hillel, and I want everyone to know how strongly I believe in that. As a world minority, Jews need to think about doing more Jewish, with more Jews, and be Jewish. At our hillel, so many Jews were doing so much Jewish-Jews and non-Jews-that we got a whole big house, where Jews can go to do other Jews.... I mean, well, you know.

The point is, doing Jewish is a great idea, and everyone who does Jewish is great, too. Jewish students should do Jewish all the time, just like Rabbi Ezra ben Ezekiel ben Mordechai said, "To be Jewish, and to do Jewish, is what Judaism is all about." This hallowed scholar is known throughout the Jewish world for his abstract, yet profound theories on the art of "absolute jewitude."

> *...doing Jewish is not so easy to do, even if you're a Jewish Jew like me.*

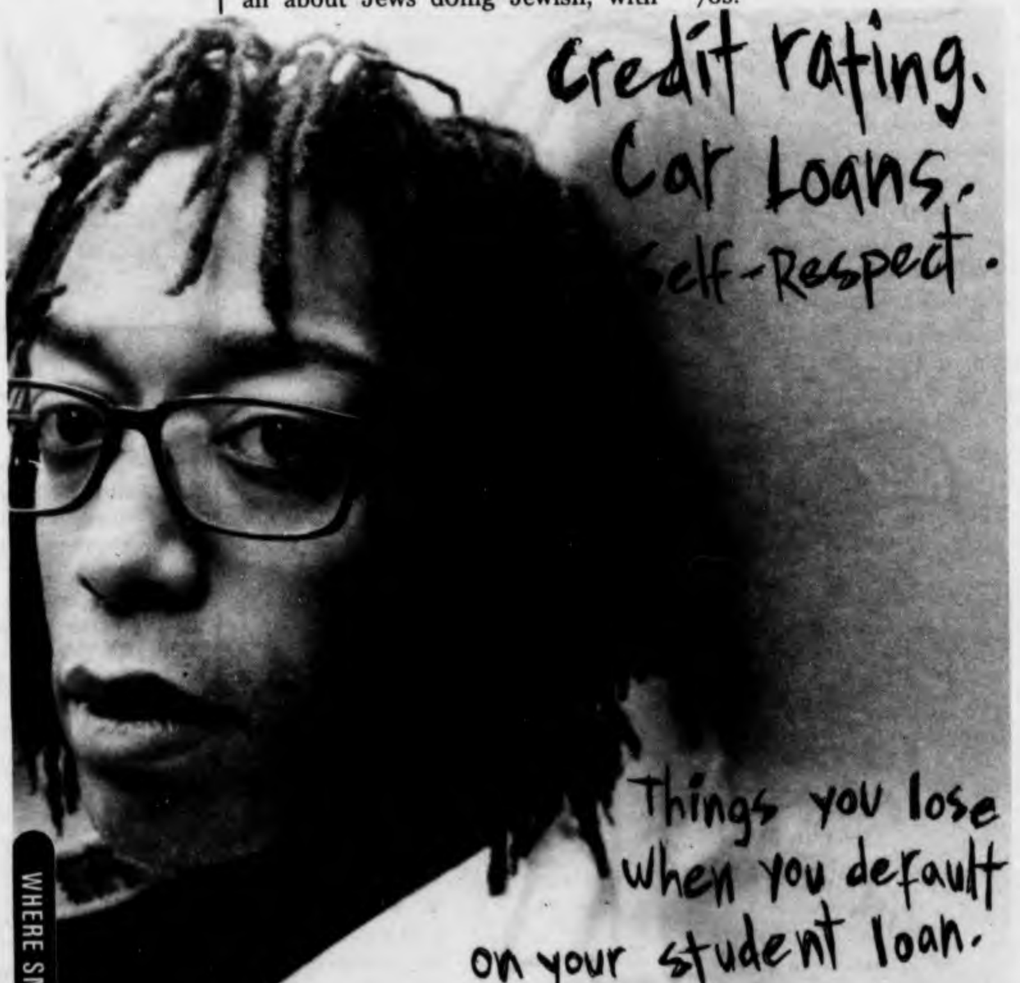
"Absolute jewitude," combined with the field of jew-osity, are growing disciplines within intellectual Jewishness. Like my husband, professor/dr./rabbi "slash" Mittleman once solemnly declared, "Judaism is all about Jews doing Jewish, with other Jews. And that's all I have to say about that." This is shining example of how Jews should live their Jewish lives. To go even further, those who are willing can join me on my crusade to end all crusades -- a nationwide promotion of Jews doing Jewish. Accompanying me on my mission will be Assistant Dean of Students, Chip Hurd, who is an honorary Jew in my book.

"Doing Jewish should be an integral part of the Jewish experience at the 'Berg, while reckless drinking is not. But please guys, let me emphasize that we are NOT trying to turn this into a dry campus," he said, when asked what doing Jewish means to him.

But doing Jewish is not so easy to do, even if you're a really Jewish Jew, like me. Here's a little advice: the best way for both Jews and non-Jews to start is by watching the Jews doing Jewish, with other Jews, at Hillel. Come to a Shabbat dinner or a bagel brunch, and join in our sphere of jewishness. Have a little nosh, pop a squat, spread a little schmear on a bagel, and get a little dose of Jewish mothering by yours truly. It's as simple as that. Trust me -- I've been a Jew since the 70s.

Congratulations to Henry Award Nominees

People's Choice for Student Leader:
Steven Dimirsky, Elias Saratovsky, Jodi Siegel
People's Choice for Support Staff:
Sue Fredericks, Todd Snyder, Susan Stachowski
People's Choice Management:
Mike Bruckner, Becky Grace, Chris Hooker-Haring
People's Choice Faculty:
Dr. Bill Dunham, Dr. Jack Gambino,
Dr. Elizabeth McCain
Male Athlete of the Year:
Josh Carter, Mark Lesko, Mike McCabe
Female Athlete of the Year:
Katrina Beck, Jessica Drennan, Heidi Harrington
Esprit de Corps:
Carla Caggiano, Tyler Holmberg, Theresa Leinker
Unsung Hero:
Steven Dimirsky, Julie Goldberg, Jared Pasternak
Helping Hand:
Lindsey Moore, Erica Kornstein & Erin Strom,
Aliza Vitberg
Trailblazer:
Frank Caria, Elizabeth Page, Nate Pickowicz
Rookie of the Year:
Catina Crismale, Robyn Duda, Tyler Holmberg
Published Writer of the Year:
Jeff Baird, Russ Choma, Lucia Suletz
Programmer of the Year:
Dave Basner, Melanie Laputka, Doug McHoul
Musical Performance of the Year:
Little Shop of Horrors, Donson Project, Nate Pickowitz
Greek Leader of the Year:
Adam Evans, Garret Pachtinger, Joy Strauss
Event of the Year:
Freshman Semi-Formal, Ribbon Project, Sr. Citizens Ball
Organization of the Year:
MTA, MAC, Cardinal Key Society



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Get laid?
Party?

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Weekly!

This picture depicts a Muhlenberg student being consumed by the construction debris. The student was just walking around and a large mouth opened and consumed him.

" Quote "

of the issue

It's true that we encourage students to read online publications. But that should not be construed to mean we are trying to make this a dry campus. Because we're not. I promise.

-- Chip Hurd

Interactive Specials

Using our $97,000 from Council (see page 7), we have developed several 3-D specials:

Click here to see an interactive special on Curtis Dretsch's wardrobe.

Click here to see a 3-D representation of the blasting site, starring Bruce Willis!

Click here for a hidden-camera video into the inner hive of Squirrel City.

Click here for a Candid Camera special: Inside the Bruckner-mobile!

Injustices...

The Dean of Students said that three students' lives are "a small price to pay" for the quality of the new dorms or, excuse us, the new RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX. Photographers and editors at The Advocate have seen from their bedroom windows more injustices than three student lives being taken.

For example, black Lincoln Town Cars pull in and out of the makeshift parking lot all night and sometimes Benfer residents, on a quiet night, can hear a gunshot and a mysterious splash to lull them to sleep.

Additionally, Benfer literally sways back and forth when the College blasts. "We know that Benfer has some lateral movement when we blast," Rudy Ehrenberg said, "but that's the price you pay for living near a disaster area."

Click here to read the full story.

Answer Man

Q. What are the best pornographic web sites?

A: We're not qualified to say. But we do know that at 7:30 p.m. in the Trumbower Computer Lab (yes, there's a computer lab in Trumbower), several students gather for a viewing.

Q. What is the 'Rare Books Room' and what is it used for?

A: We're glad you asked, because the 'Rare Books Room' is really a smoking lounge for library employees. The school sold all its rare books and put the proceeds toward the new dorms.

Q: The new WHAT?!

A: Oh, sorry. The new Residential Complex.

Q: Is the campus going to be dry in three years?

C. Hurd: Now wait just one cotton-picking minute! We are NOT trying to go dry!

Q. Is Napster good?

A. No. Anything to do with sex, drugs or rock and roll is bad. If you use Napster to download music with racial slurs and threats of violence, it's okay as long as it's not rock and roll.

Q. Does The Weekly really hate The Advocate and the people it's making fun of?

A. No. This issue is for fun. We do not hate The Advocate and we love Chip.

OFF CAMPUS

Allentown -- The city of Allentown was voted 'most desirable vacation spot' by Fodor's USA. Fodor's, in releasing material, wrote that Allentown "has a distinct cultural atmosphere and includes lavish hotspots as 'Crock Rock' and 'Maingate.'" The tourism publisher also said that the city has a clean and safe bus station in the heart of the city's hopping downtown area. The trolley also ships drunkards from the city into the west end.

Lehigh University -- Lehigh University officials declared that no alcohol would be allowed on University property by anyone, regardless of age. The registrar's office immediately received 1,371 requests to transfer. "We know deep down in our hearts that Lehigh is not a drinking school," the University said in a statement, "and we don't expect our school to change much because of this decision."

Allentown -- Woody's Pizza will be closing for renovations starting next week. After a three-month period, the restaurant will reopen and serve Indian food and will be run by Nirav Shah, who will take a leave of absence from the school to get the restaurant off its feet.

Dartmouth University -- Dartmouth University burned books in its library because they depicted several mules fornicating.

Allentown -- Scotty Wood died yesterday, when a local fat woman ate him, believing him to be a giant raisin. After digesting the man, the woman reported feeling "more wealthy." Scotty is said to be in a better place, not meaning the woman's digestive tract, of course.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Scorching Sun	Drenching Rain	Bitter Cold
High: 107	High: 50	High: -17
Low: 95	Low: 31	Low: -24

Vice President found to be behind most of year's bad press

By Smi Ling-Goon
Weekly P.R. Fanatic

Photographs of damaging documents, illegal drugs, and alcohol that connects Bruckner to the demolition of Ettinger and to other unwholesome acts.

Bruckner's van, fleeing Haas after he was discovered by Lupole. An all points bulletin is out for the van.

Vice president of Public Relations Michael Bruckner has been linked to several recent negative events occurring at the College.

Acting upon an anonymous tip, College officials and campus safety officers infiltrated and performed a thorough search of Bruckner's office. They found, among other things, documents linking him to certain outspoken student leaders, memos regarding the distribution of alcohol to minors and plans for the destruction of numerous campus buildings, including Ettinger and the Egner Chapel.

In a statement made this morning, Ken Lupole said that the administration has hard evidence and plans to press charges against Bruckner.

"We found multiple papers and memos which lead us to believe that Michael Bruckner has participated in, if not masterminded, every negative event at Muhlenberg in the past three years," Lupole explained.

Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg commented on Bruckner's alleged guilt.

"I never really trusted him. He was always in Haas, staring at the walls and commenting on the shoddy construction. With my army background, I should have smelled a rat right away."

Bruckner's attorney said in a prepared statement today that "Michael feels these claims are preposterous and that he must have been framed. He noted a certain member of the English department, but I feel that information must be kept confidential for now. He hopes that this misunderstanding will be resolved soon."

The materials found in Bruckner's office allegedly tie him to plots dealing with the repaving of the sand volleyball courts, the purchase and distribution of beer kegs to various fraternities (except Phi Kappa Tau – see article, page 1), illegal tainting of Ring Dings with Rohypnol ("roofies") and an elaborate scheme to destroy the Ettinger building.

Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said, "I'm appalled that he would participate in anything that would harm the Greeks here on campus. By the way, I want to reassure the student body that we are not going dry as a result of this."

Officer Jim Fritts, who is heading up the follow-up investigation, summed up the case against Bruckner.

"It seems he's simply been making up 'bad news' for about three years in an attempt to create job security. Think of all the people he's hurt just so he can write press releases," Fritts lamented. "This is a sick, sick man and we are going to make sure he goes away for a long time."

Sesame Street Business Briefing/Grover the Monster

Can you tell me how to get, how to get to Wall Street?

Hello, friends! This is your old pal, Grover! I am so happy to see you reading the paper. Today's Weekly was brought to you by the letters AOL and the index number $40.89 (as of 4 p.m. yesterday).

I am very sad today. Do you want to know why I am very sad? I am sad because the stock market is not feeling very well. Grover's portfolio does not look very good right now, and today Gordon laughed at me when I told him I bought 100 shares of Yahoo! stock.

In local news, Mr. Hooper's store (NYSE: HPR) has been in the basement since Luis and Maria took over, but expect to see a resurgence once it drops below $5. Now is the time to buy, boys and girls!

Also, a bit of inside information – now is not the time to buy anything in Trash.com. CEO Oscar the Grouch is about to issue a statement that will "change the face of the company as it exists today." My advice: Sell. S-E-L-L. Sell.

Big Bird says real estate is the hot property right now, and that the market is primed to explode. "Large nests are a thing of the past," he squeaks. "The smart money is in the Fred Rogers Development Corporation (NYSE: ROG). Yuppies are paying big money to live in his neighborhoods."

I do not know where my broker is right now. I think he is playing hide-and-seek with me. That is okay with Grover, he will not get his rubber duckie back until he refunds my commission on that Yahoo! deal.

Oh, well, we are out of time for today. I am glad you joined me to talk about the market, and I hope you will join me again soon. Tomorrow we will learn how to calculate a sector overview with full comparison charts. Doesn't that sound fun? Bye-Bye!

Keg toss is tossed

The keg toss, long hailed as the most exciting and irreverent aspect of Greek Week, will no longer be part of the festivities, the College decided.

"True, we are trying to erase every notion of alcohol on this campus," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said. "But I can't see how anyone would think we're trying to go dry."

"That's really okay, because we toss kegs every week and we dare you to find us," members of all five fraternities said in a joint statement.

"I really and truly think it will discourage drinking," a student who pleaded not to be identified said.

Dorms are (kind of) complete

By Dirty Sheets
Butz Excavator

The twin dorms are nearing completion and will soon be photographed for the cover of Muhlenberg magazine and campus recruitment publications.

Though the dorms stray slightly from their original design—they are now two large mounds of dirt with holes excavated on the inside—the College is still proud of their completion.

"I was just saying to Kathryn the other day, 'Doesn't that look beautiful just as it is?'" Arthur Taylor said. "I mean, I was driving around by the corner of Ott and Parkway and I really couldn't imagine anything but a large mound of fresh earth to surround our students."

He said that it would lend a more natural ambiance to students while they were studying.

The anonymous donor, anonymously, told The Weekly that he was taking back his $10 million donation if it's just going to a "mound of dirt."

When asked about the architectural value of the new dorms, in their new state, Dean of Faculty Cutris Dretsch exploded, turning red and shaking his finger: "They are not DORMS, damn you! It is a RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX!"

"True, it will be difficult to refrigerate beverages in the new dorms," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said, "but that doesn't mean we want it to be a dry campus. You can enjoy alcoholic beverages with no light and no electrcity just fine. We encourage our students to be creative—those of them that are 21 of course."

Council declares war on Weekly editor for 'negative coverage'

By Jodelias Covittitzestein
Presivictreassecretary

Student Council has formally declared war on an editor at The Muhlenberg Weekly after months of stewing and planning the editor's demise.

"Because the primary legislative body has the power to declare war, and because I'm the treasurer, I am the most important person in the legislative body, I, Christina Coviello, upon the recommendation of Finance Committee, would like to make a motion to declare war on Jeff Baird, News Editor of The Muhlenberg Weekly, for his consistently negative coverage of Student Council," Coviello declared at the meeting.

The vote passed easily, with every member of Council voting in favor—except Jodi Siegel who didn't realize there was a motion on the table, and Andy Winkler, who is the newspaper's webmaster.

Jay Dombi voted twice.

Though Council members have been incensed at their coverage in The Weekly all year, two articles written by Baird simply set off the latest round of angst. The articles, both of which appeared a few weeks before spring break, were entitled: "Divisively, Council debates self-reforms" and "Council debates with its image in mind."

"Just because half the room was for something and half the room was against something, and just because there were sharp words and yelling and screaming like prisoners clamoring for release, doesn't warrant the use of the word 'divisively,'" Student Body President-elect Elias Saratovsky said. "I really think 'divisively' was a little premature."

At the meeting following the articles, Baird said that Council was a "circus" the week before.

"I don't quite think it was a circus," Siegel said.

"Her use of the word 'quite' indicates, at least to me, that she thought the proceedings approached circus-level," the editor responded snidely.

Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd is also concerned about the situation. "We're not trying to eliminate alcohol from this campus. And you can take that to the bank."

Coviello, who was appointed Commander in Chief for the S.C. Forces, said that she is planning the following offensives: (1) releasing $97,563 to The Advocate; (2) creating a special Weekly Finance Manual that is even more confusing than the one now; and (3) requiring The Weekly to refer to Student Council as the "Student Body Organization."

[Some members of Council objected to the third prong because it contained the initials "B.O."]

Bizarrely, Coviello and Baird were seen playing Twister at a basement party before spring break. "I regret ever playing Twister with him," Coviello said.

Top Ten Reasons to Go to Student Council

10. You can be on T.V.
9. You can complain about the food to Brookstein.
8. You can be kept abreast of fascinating student issues like blue lights.
7. What ELSE would you do on Thirsty Thursday?
6. You can chuckle when Evan Karp's cell rings.
5. You, as one of only a few onlookers, will be the center of attention.
4. At Gavel, you can listen to stories about long lost relatives from Europe.
3. At least once, they'll make a crack about Dick Begbie.
2. 3 Words: Discretionary Presidential Budget.
1. You can watch Council approve the use of its own funds in a fund raiser for another Student Council fund.

Skeleton found in Tremer's closet

By Bill Abruzzi
Private Investigator

There is a collection of scary, dusty cobweb-laden skeletons in Anthropology Professor Walt Tremer's closet, an investigation by The Weekly has found.

"It's just very disconcerting to know that a professor we trust in front of a classroom has such skeletons in his closet," Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch said.

Weekly editors, prying through Tremer's closet because, they claim, he is a "public figure," found that the skeletons are so ugly and damaging that it may end his career here.

"As much as we don't like doing it," editors said in a statement, "we believe we must scrutinize every professor's 'closet' for potential 'skeletons' for the protection of the student body."

At his suspension hearing, Tremer had an opportunity to respond: "You don't understand. I have ACTUAL skeletons in my ACTUAL closet. This is not a metaphor for inappropriate past behavior. This is instructional material here."

Jack Nicholson, who was in "As Good As It Gets," was at the hearing. "You people who speak in metaphors should shampoo my crotch," he said in Tremer's defense.

"This is very disconcerting. But in this time of crisis, I want to reassure the student body that we are NOT trying to go dry," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said. "It hasn't even entered our minds."

In the mean time, Tremer's classes are all cancelled.

Dept. head professes change of heart

By Jimmy Blooming
Weekly Paycheck

English Department Head Thomas Cartelli has decided to join the technology age, sources close to the professor say.

Cartelli is notorious for his anti-computer sentiment, most often seen in his various syllabi, which are typed in Courier New and his "e-mail sucks!" bumper sticker.

His refusal to use any form of technological communication has resulted in confusion for his students as well as ill feeling from his departmental peers.

"I lost both my legs in a car accident," said Sophomore Joshua Goldbergowitz, "and I sent him ten e-mails and left 20 voice mails telling him I wouldn't be in class for the rest of year. He failed me anyway because he never got them."

Department grammar guru Linda Miller is thrilled that Cartelli has decided to learn the computer.

"His notes were sloppy, disorganized and often smeared. Also, if any person ever needed a grammar check function, it's Tom. Head of the department – HA!"

Cartelli said his decision came on the heels of a discussion he had with Director of American Studies James Bloom.

"I was talking to Jim, and he told me all about this – I believe it's called a 'web-site' – where you can find amazing pictures of, uh, um, old Shakespearian texts," he explained.

Bloom will be tutoring Cartelli in the use of Microsoft Word, the WWW, and e-mail.

Bloom was recently honored in the 2001 Guiness Book of World Records for "most e-mails sent in one day." When asked, he appeared optimistic about Cartelli's progress.

"I comprehend that Tom is exceedingly inexperienced with affairs of the technological mode," he intoned. "Still, I feel that it would exacerbate his position not to ascertain knowledge in this area. Furthermore, it is progressively banal, trite, hackneyed, prosaic and even commonplace to use an invariable font style on all his syllabi."

Question Marquis to receive honorary degree

By Louis L'Amour
Weekly Seductor

Dean of Academic Life Carol Shiner Wilson will present the Question Marquis with an honorary degree at a ceremony in the Chapel next week.

"The Question Marquis embodies principles of faster research, fewer sources and less critical thinking and we think that's just swell," Shiner Wilson said. "We encourage members of corporate America to invade our campus and taunt our students with prize giveaways, trial periods and costumed figures."

The scene just reeks of scandal. Some believe that the degree is linked to capital campaign contributions. The Marquis has a red phone with a lone button in the center on his desk. College President Arthur Taylor is said to have a similar one in his office.

Others claim that the Marquis is trying to seduce his way into a degree. A history professor, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, had the following to say: "With his use of French and his seductive methods, the Question Marquis is not a good influence and may be using base-level tactics to win over some administrators. I mean, just yesterday, Carol yelled to me from the shower that she thought the question-mark moustache was 'cute.' I mean, come on! Does he really need to do that?"

"Well I don't know about cute," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said, "but I'll tell you something I DO know: We are not going dry because of this. It's just not happening."

The Marquis was unavailable to comment, as he was being oil-rubbed and drinking wine all through Tuesday night when The Weekly was

In Advocate tradition, Weekly adjusts publication schedule

By Ski Tripper
Weekly Advocator

Taking cues from The Muhlenberg Advocate's infrequent publication schedule, The Muhlenberg Weekly has decided to follow suit.

From now on, The Weekly will put out newspapers based on whenever it pleases the editors. To accompany this, "radical improvement in the way newspapers are run," as said by Advocate Editor-in-Chief Russ Choma, the Weekly will drop its title. The official Muhlenberg newspaper will now be known as the Muhlenberg Whenever-The-Hell-We-Want.

Expressing his joy with the name change, Vice President of Public Relations Mike Bruckner exclaimed, "C'mon guys! Eighteen Eighty Three, Smeighteen Smeighty Shree! Its about time they broke tradition and made some real strides away from quality, and took a giant leap towards the example of mediocrity."

"Having a consistent publication schedule, and having readers know when a paper comes out is not good journalism. I'll tell you what good journalism is son...its graphics, pictures and weird sound clips," Choma added in an interview with Whenever-The-Hell-We-Want News Editor Jeff Baird and Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd. Hurd stated, "While I like the bold move the Whenever-The-Hell-We-Want has taken, I would just like to remind the student body we am not trying to turn this into a dry campus; although we are trying to take away all sense of consistency." Indeed, the new name change has many students excited.

Freshman Alison Smith commented, "Its going to be like a surprise, I'll never know when the Whenever-The-Hell-We-Want is coming out! Just what I love about the Advocate!"

Fornication blocked from MCTV

Two students were found having sexual intercourse in the offices of The Muhlenberg Weekly in the M.L. Underground in September. The newspaper has released the videotape from its infrared security camera, but College President Arthur R. Taylor intervened at the last moment and blocked the tape from being shown on MCTV.

"This sort of tape is for the private use of individuals in their homes," Taylor commented. "It's not for public display and is simply inappropriate. It has no place being shown on T.V. Now if you'll excuse me, I have to go watch something."

The students were discovered on a Saturday night at approximately 11:30 p.m. when an editor returned to the office for a few minutes and slammed the door into a young man's naked body.

The newspaper's executive editors decided to review the infrared tape, which caught both students in compromising positions, before deciding on its release months later.

"We reviewed it and reviewed it and reviewed it," Production Editor Emily Gewitz said. "It was literally a month-long process. We reviewed it about four times a day for nearly a month."

After that review period, the editors shared the tape with College lawyer Max Davison, who reviewed it on his bedroom television for several weeks.

Finally, after 67 different people had reviewed the tape, editors decided to release it to MCTV. But at the last moment, the College intervened and siezed the tape.

"This is really a breach of free speech," Senior Andy Poag said. "Hey, that rhymes!"

"As disturbing as this is, it does not signal a move toward a dry campus," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd commented.

"What's next? Burning books? Are they going to burn books like they burned that tape?" Poag continued. "This is a serious violation of our free-speech rights and nobody cares!"

Campus Safety Notes

March 12—Exhibition of Private Object—A lime green bra was placed on General Pete's statue.

March 13—Unregistered Party—About 0.4% of the student body attended the Council-sponsored Student Body Meeting. Campus Safety Officer Jim Fritts busted in and dispersed the group for having an "unregistered party."

March 13—Criminal Mischief—Jodi Siegel was seen climbing General Pete's statue in an effort, she said, to recover a "personal item."

March 14—Lost Property—A student lost virginity in M.L.

March 14—Alcohol Violation—Authorities charge that Arthur R. Taylor served alcohol to minors at a champagne reception for postgraduate award finalists. "Amy, please show the authorities the way out. I fight authority and authority NEVER wins," Taylor said.

March 15— Moist Turkey—The roast turkey in the Garden Room was tender and moist. Campus Safety is investigating the matter.

March 16—Unusual Obscentity—Alan Mittleman stubbed his toe in Moyer Hall and exclaimed, "Jesus Christ!"

March 16—Freshman-Like Behavior—In typical freshman fashion, a student cinged his eyebrows with a homemade flamethrower.

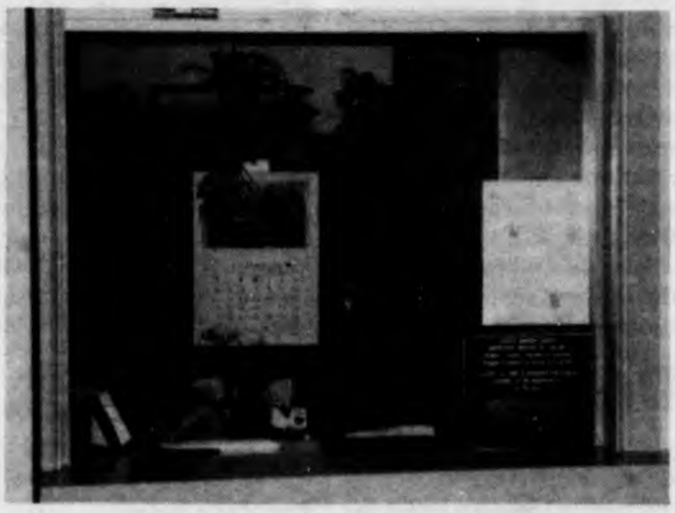
March 16—Beer-Related Accident—Authorities say a group of students covered a large floor with beer and several students, drawing on their critical thinking skills learned in the classroom, ran really fast and slid head-first on the beer-coated floor. There were four head injuries, two twisted ankles and a bunch of hangovers.

March 16—Injured Wood employee—Received cut on right thumb, transported to the hospital. The surgeons did NOT want fries.

March 16—Stray Cats—A student reported hearing noises of stray cats coming from Parents' Plaza.

March 16—Unregistered Party—Officer Jim Fritts kicked the Dynamics out of Parents' Plaza for having an unregistered party.

March 18—Unregistered Party—Officer Jim Fritts busted in on a hamburgers-and-soda social between Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Tau while freshmen and prospective students were getting alcohol poisoning in Prosser and passing out and creating disturbances. Fritts said the unregistered party was a "serious offense."



Cashier Window Hours

The cashier's window in the Office of the Controller was open when it shouldn't have been. The new cashier hours are: 7:00 to 7:35 a.m., 10:15 to 10:22 a.m., and 2:45 to 2:59 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays. Every two Tuesdays, the window is open from 8:16 a.m. to 9:03 a.m. Once a month, the cashier will be open on Wednesdays from 4:00-4:20 p.m. Closed Fridays, unless you know the secret knock on the metal shield.

Michael Bruckner, Vice President of Public Relations, commented on the new hours. "It's really student focused; we know what the kids want. They want hours open when they don't have class, hence the 7 a.m. opening. Plus it's fun to have be somewhere by 8:16 instead of boring 8:15. It's really cool."

The secret knock is available to donors to the capital campaign.

'Serenity Garden' to be changed to 'Serentiy Bidet'

Mrs. Taylor, for whom garden is named, said to be 'pleased' with advancement

By Cornholio
Yoga Instructor

Someone didn't realize that the conversion won't happen until next week.

The Kathryn P. Taylor Serenity Garden, located between the Gabriel House and the Haas College Center, will be changed from a garden to a communal bidet open to the public in an effort to make the College more "European" in its atmosphere, Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch said recently.

"As nice as it is to have a serenity garden, there is nothing more refreshing than a few minutes on a bidet," Dretsch said.

A townie from the city, shown in the picture to the right, didn't realize that the change had not been made yet.

"We expect to spend about, I'd say, $800,000 on the change," College treasurer Kent Dyer said. "It's really an investment though; don't just see it as an expenditure that's wasted. It will get used."

Dean of Admission Chris Hooker-Haring is ecstatic. "This is going on the campus tour baby!" he exclaimed upon hearing the news.

There are still some wrinkles to be ironed out, however. "One of the Deans doesn't adequately flush the toilet every morning at around 10:30," Joy LeFevre said. "Though we haven't figured out who it is, it's disconcerting all the same. So I can't imagine how that person would act in the presence of a bidet. I shudder to think, actually."

"There are a great many potential abuses that could occur," Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety, commented.

"For example, at Lehigh, some fraternity brothers replaced the waterworks with a keg and the next five people got beer sprayed all over them. So that's a consideration, too. Maybe we'd need better lights," Lupole added.

The Campus Safety Committee of Student Council has recommended installing security cameras there, but the College quickly dismissed that suggestion.

"I understand their concerns," Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said. "But I don't want to make this a dry campus."

"This is really an offense to the neighborhood and I have no idea how the College and its idiot administration can possibly justify this act," Tom Burke, neighborhood resident and president of MAC-Watch said. "Just think of all the Europeans that are going to come flocking to the West End to use the bidet and to probably speak in tongues right out in the street. Well, I think it's despicable."

"As long as it doesn't hurt the football program, then I'm fine with it," Director of Athletics Steve Erber said.

Kathryn Taylor, for whom the College named not only a building and a mall but also the Serenity Garden, is pleased that the school is taking steps toward being "more cultured and more civilized."

"Now that they've gotten rid of Prosser AND created a communal bidet, I think I'm going to have to find some new signature issues," Mrs. Taylor said.

Erber redirects all funds to football program

Other teams are subservient, the director says

By Dum Jok
3rd String Q.B.

Stephen P. Erber, Director of Athletics, redirected all athletic funds to the football program in an effort to "enhance the football-playing experience of Muhlenberg students," a statement from his office reads.

Erber was not able to comment to the press, but his secretary did relay the following message: "Mr. Erber no longer speaks to anyone that doesn't play football, coach football, or donate to the Muhlenberg football program."

The move has elicited a strong reaction from the school. Nearly every student and every administrator is against the move, but this appears to have no effect on the decision.

"We don't need ALL that money," Josh Carter said. "I mean, one band per game is plenty. We want to spread the wealth and all."

Individual sports teams have had differing reactions. For example, men's basketball players organized their moms in a grassroots effort to petition the decision.

The women's rugby team, however, just pelted Erber's office window, car and home with red-hot rocks.

According to classified documents obtained by The Muhlenberg Weekly, the women's lacrosse team and the public relations office (see page 6) are planning to light a bonfire in the center of the football field in protest.

"It would really disturb me if the campus felt more ill effects than necessary," a women's lacrosse player said anonymously. "That's not to say that we can't burn 'football sucks' into the astro turf."

At a crisis managment press conference, Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd issued the following statement:

"In this period of social turmoil, we must look toward constancy and stability. In this regard, you can count on the College NOT going dry any time soon."

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-Chip Hurd, Asst.
Dean of Students

What is the deal with THIS hospital mix-up?

Prof takes year off to go national

By Cosmo Kramer
The Ass Man

life! in the fast lane

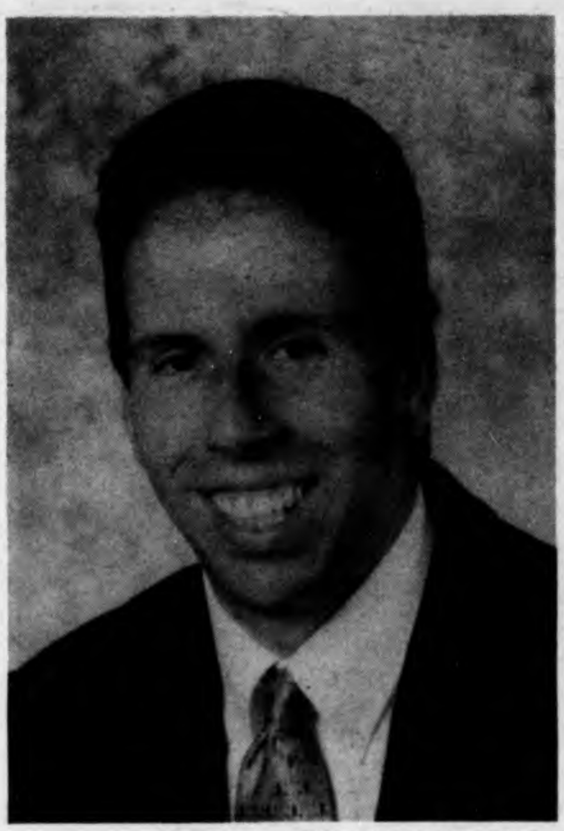
Only one year into his career at Muhlenberg, Politcal Science Professor Chris Borick announced today that he will be taking a one-year sabbatical to fill the opening slot on a national tour with look-alike Jerry Seinfeld. This announcment is one the heels of the discovery that, in fact, Professor Borick and Seinfeld were actually seperated at birth in a freakish hospital mix-up.

Through his publicist, Seinfeld expressed his joy to work with his long-lost brother, and added, "What is the deal with this Borick? Is he a comedian? Is he a professor? Is he my brother? I mean WHAT IS THE DEAL?"

When asked about the announcement, Borick countered, "What is the deal with this Seinfeld? Is he retired? Is he working? What was with that last episode? I mean WHAT IS THE DEAL?"

When asked about the hospital confusion, Seinfeld reveals his natural pension toward the inner-workings of policy making. Strangely enough, Borick revealed in an interview with the Weekly, of winning numerous open-mic nights during his college years, continuing through his graduate work.

The nation-wide tour will culminate in a coming-home performance, where Borick and Seinfeld will entertain the College community. While there will be no alcohol permitted at the event, Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd commented, "We are not trying to turn this into a dry campus, and what was with that final episode? A prison? Now that's a dry campus!"



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Borick, left, has been asked to join comedian and long-lost brother Jerry Seinfeld on a national tour.

Nate betrays hundreds of girls; campus pays

By Joey Knuckles and Connie Fasano
Weekly Consiglieres

PHOTO BY VINNIE "SNAPS" CALAFATI

Pickowicz, in an act of shame, attempts to hide behind the piano that has served him so well in the past.

Nate Pickowicz is a name that everyone (or at least most people) on campus is somewhat familiar with. As the College's most well-known student musician, Pickowicz has been charming all members of the school community with his musical talent since his freshman year. It's no secret that Pickowicz has always done covers of some well-known musician's work as an interesting addition to his shows. However, in a recent letter from a prominent Long Island attorney, members of the Administration were shocked to discover that every Pickowicz tune is a rip-off.

Upon receiving the letter, Pickowicz was immediately summoned to a meeting with President Arthur Taylor,Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd and numerous trustees of the college. There, the discovery was made that every single "Pickowicz" song is the work of a Long Island bartender by the name of Joey "Boom-Botz" Elroy.

In the letter, Johnny Cochran, the client's attorney, claimed that Pickowicz is a musical imposter who has gained major publicity thanks to the musical brilliance of Mr. Boom-Botz, and that Pickowicz should pay a minimum of one million dollars to compensate for his "unjustified and criminal" behavior. By the end of the meeting, a decision was made. The College will pay Mr. Boom-Botz the one million dollars, as long as Pickowicz spends the rest of his life working alongside Gene, Billy and Gary at the GQ.

The discovery of Pickowicz' criminally negligent behavior has taken a toll on many members of the College community, not to mention every female on campus who has fallen in love with "his" music. Now, as he walks down academic row, Pickowicz can't help but face the facts that his on-campus stardom is no longer existent and that all chances of a future musical career are also diminished. Hurd commented, "I'm upset that Nate's music isn't original. However, this tragedy will in no way push the College to go dry."

Mr. Boom-Botz, in the meantime, has enjoyed the publicity that Pickowicz has given his music. When asked his opinion on the recent development, he commented by saying, "Hey, der ain't notin' else for me to say on dis. Dat chump stole my work, and now he's paying da consequences. Life sucks when you're an unoriginal bastard."

Pick of the Week: **"I Can See the Light: A Tribute to Stevie Wonder"**
Time Warner
Check out if you like: **tribute albums, tooth extractions, Stevie Wonder**

Virgin Vinyl

by Shazzbot Nanu

Next month, some of pop music's hottest performers will gather to honor Stevie Wonder with a tribute concert. The event celebrates the final stage of a radical neurosurgical procedure Wonder has undergone for the past year to enable his sight. To share the occasion, Time Warner releases a recording of the tribute songs to be performed and it hits stores next week.

Contributors to the project claim Stevie Wonder to be one of the major influences in their work and are excited to be among the first musical artists Wonder will ever *see* in performance. Britney Spears, who offers up an endearing version of "Part Time Lover" said, "He's one of the greatest singers and he's such an inspiration. Being blind and everything has offered an incredible challenge. I can't even imagine how he's overcome it and learned to sing. Now he's going to be even better when he gets his new eyes."

One of the unusual highlights of the tribute is Eminem's reworking of the Wonder hit "I Just Called To Say I Love You." Eminem will actually be joined by Wonder onstage for this collaboration in next month's performance. He deftly pairs samples of Wonder's voice and piano in the melody with a solid layering of hip-hop beats. Breaking apart the lyrics and feeding them through his highly energized and masterful articulation, Eminem adds new dimensions to the song's meaning. For example, he swaps "love you" with "hate you" and "beseech you." But critics have attacked one aspect of the arrangement, an underlying bass chant that not-too-subtly repeats the phrase "Blind People Suck." When asked about the potentially offensive content to the project's honoree, Eminem replied, "I didn't know he was blind."

Other highlights of the tribute include a unique Marilyn Manson/ Outkast collaboration on the Wonder tune "Isn't She Lovely." The Red Hot Chili Peppers present a revamped, reggae version of their classic Stevie cover, "Higher Ground." Check out the fab Destiny's Child re-do of "Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I'm Yours." Even Phish shows up with a souped-up "Superstition." But the real highlight of the tribute is when the artists come together with Dionne Warwick for a stellar remake of "That's What Friends Are For."

Stevie Wonder has stated that he is very excited and honored by the tribute. When asked what tops his to-do list once his sight is fully enabled, Wonder mentioned getting a good look at his house and wife, 3-D movies, and winning $100 in a staring contest with Ray Charles.

Muhlenberg Dynamics are seen here, singing for free alcohol, among other things. Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said, "The Dynamics are good, but not good enough to make this a dry campus."

horoscopes

By Jillian Lovejoy and Brian Teta

Aries: Chip Hurd has been talking about you to anyone who will listen. Sure, he acts like your best friend to your face, but watch yourself. As soon as you're out of earshot, his gums are flapping. Don't feel too bad, though; he does it to everybody. Oh—and just so you know, he's not trying to make our campus a dry one.

Taurus: I hate to break it to you, but everybody thinks that you're a jerk and a liar. I mean, come on! How dumb do you think we are? Face the fact that you're just as ordinary as everyone else on this cookie-cutter campus and stop with your "I'm an individual" crap. It even makes your mother sick. She told me last night....

Gemini: I've seen you walking down Academic Row, acting all tough, thinking you're "Mr. Muhlenberg," or something. Not with that hair, buddy. And those acid-washed jeans!!! Bad news. Why don't you get your frat boy roommate to take you to Abercrombie so you can fit in better?

Cancer: GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM! Bad, bad things await you outside. I'm totally serious. Just take the day off. You'll be sorry otherwise.

Leo: So we meet again. Time after time you have denied me. But now you go too far. You sit there with your mouth gagged, smiling away. In the past you have ignored my fervent pleas to avoid the striped bunny. And you have done so at your own peril. But now I beseech thee to take heed: The camel shall destroy you and the green-leafed fruit is no better.

Virgo: You will be spending time with two good friends. *Really* good friends, if you catch my drift. You're all going to get pretty darn close, you lucky duck! Take some pictures for me, ok?

Libra: Worried about getting a lousy number in the housing lottery? Don't want to live in East or ML? Just ask Curtis Dretsch to build you a small bungalow behind the chapel. He'll do it, I swear. And don't worry about inconveniencing him—he loves erecting odd buildings around the campus.

Scorpio: Remember that friend for whom you bought a fondue pot? Move to San Francisco with her. C'mon, what else are you going to do? If you have not recently bought a fondue pot for a friend, please disregard the previous message. You will live a long productive life.

Sagittarius: Run for Student Council so you can sit in a room Thursday night and argue about things that the rest of the Student Body doesn't care about. Then, you can get all up in everyone else's faces about their apathy, and babble about all of the great things that you do. Observe as all of your non-council friends head for the hills. But you won't need them—you'll have the weekend shuttle schedule to map out.

Capricorn: Finals and final papers are coming up sooner than you think. Once the weather gets nicer, you won't want to do any work. Hell, you don't want to do any work now. Consider this: if you never actually sign the academic behavior code, then *technically* there's no possible way to be in violation of it.

Aquarius: I see you baby. Shakin' that ass. Shakin' that ass. Oops—I mean, you will have luck in love today.

Pisces: Just because you hook up every weekend with a different person does not mean you are attractive or popular. It just means you're easy with low self-esteem.

Siblings Weekend 2001

The first annual Siblings Weekend...
A time for students to share their life away from home with their siblings.

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Friday, March 30

8am-11pm - Open Gym (Life Sports Center)
4pm - Movie "Emperor's New Groove" (RD)
3-5pm - Open Swim (Life Sports Center)
5pm - Shabbat Dinner (Hillel House)
5pm - Bus Trip Phantoms vs Hershey
6-10pm - Free Photo Booth (SU Lobby)
8-11pm - Band "Buddha Tribe" (Red Door)
9pm-1am Make Your Own Video (SU Lobby)

Saturday, March 31

9am-11am – Cartoons in Red Door
9:30am - Shabbat Services & Lunch (Hillel)
10am-9pm - Open Gym (Life Sports Center)
11am - Women's Tennis vs Kutztown
Noon - Baseball vs Western MD
1pm - Women's Softball vs Gettysburg
1pm - Movie "Emperor's New Groove" (RD)
2-4pm - Open Swimming (Life Sports Center)
3-7pm - Celebrity Cut-Outs (Seegers Lobby)
3-7pm - Sand art (Seegers Lobby)
7-9pm - Open Swimming (Life Sports Center)
7pm - Talent Show (Red Door)
9-2am - Karaoke (Red Door)

Sunday, April 1

Noon-11pm - Open Gym (Life Sports Center)
1pm - Chapel Services (Chapel)
2pm - Open Swimming (Life Sports Center)
3pm - Movie "Emperor's New Groove" (RD)

Siblings weekend is sponsored by:
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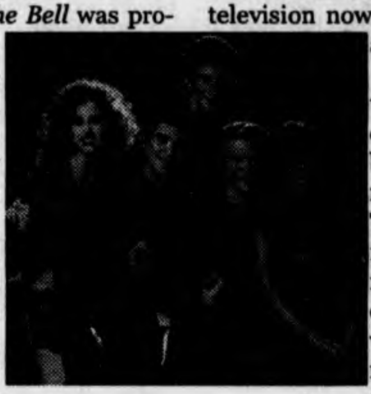
Must see MCTV

By Alex P. Keaton
Weekly Midget

The College would like to offer MCTV its sincerest congratulations on securing the rights to air reruns of the beloved television show *Saved by the Bell.*



Saved by the Bell was produced by NBC Productions Inc. and began its run on Saturday mornings on NBC in 1989. The original series ended its run in 1993. Spin-offs, such as *Saved by the Bell: The College Years* and *Saved by the Bell: The New Class*, followed, but none were so successful as the original series.

MCTV made no attempts to bid on the spin-offs, as they "were nothing short of a cheap attempt at recreating a magical show," says MCTV president Brian Raeihle. The shows will be broadcast daily at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. This will leave room for MCTV's already full spring line-up, which includes such shows as *Silver Spoons* and *Scooby Doo.*

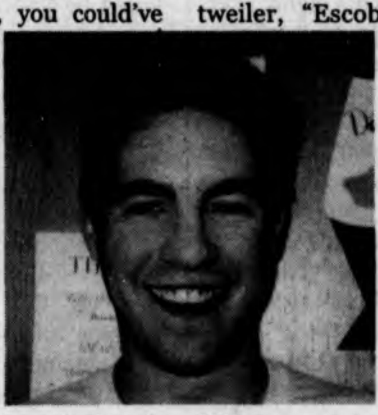
The Head of the Communication Department David Tafler encourages students to tune in. "Aren't reruns of your favorite shows better than the stuff that's on television now, like *Survivor* and *Friends*?"

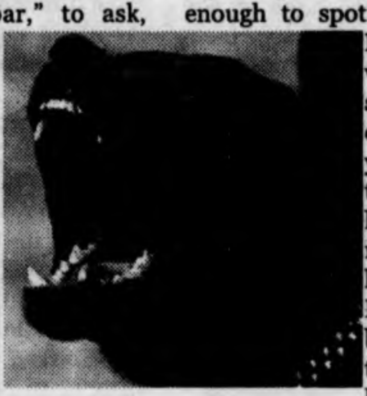
MCTV hopes to involve the entire student body in this new venture. They will be running monthly trivia contests to see who knows the most about *Saved by the Bell.* Personality questionnaires will also be distributed in Seegers Union for those students who are interested in finding out what cast mate they most resemble. Students can stop by Seegers Union to find out if they are most like Zack, Kelly, Screech, Jesse or Lisa. Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd reminds students that while Bayside High School's campus was dry, our College is not. MCTV is currently in negotiations to also buy the rights to *The Dukes of Hazzard.*

Dog takes bite out of 'This Show'

By Dan Rather and Martha Stewart
Weekly Fashion Editors

As a member of the Muhlenberg College Student body, you're probably no stranger to the rude and obnoxious behavior displayed by Dave Basner '02 and cameraman Gabriel Nathan '02. Until February of this year, while walking among the trees and vicious squirrels on academic row, you could've easily found yourself being harassed by the duo as they ask you multiple times, "why are you wearing that shirt?"



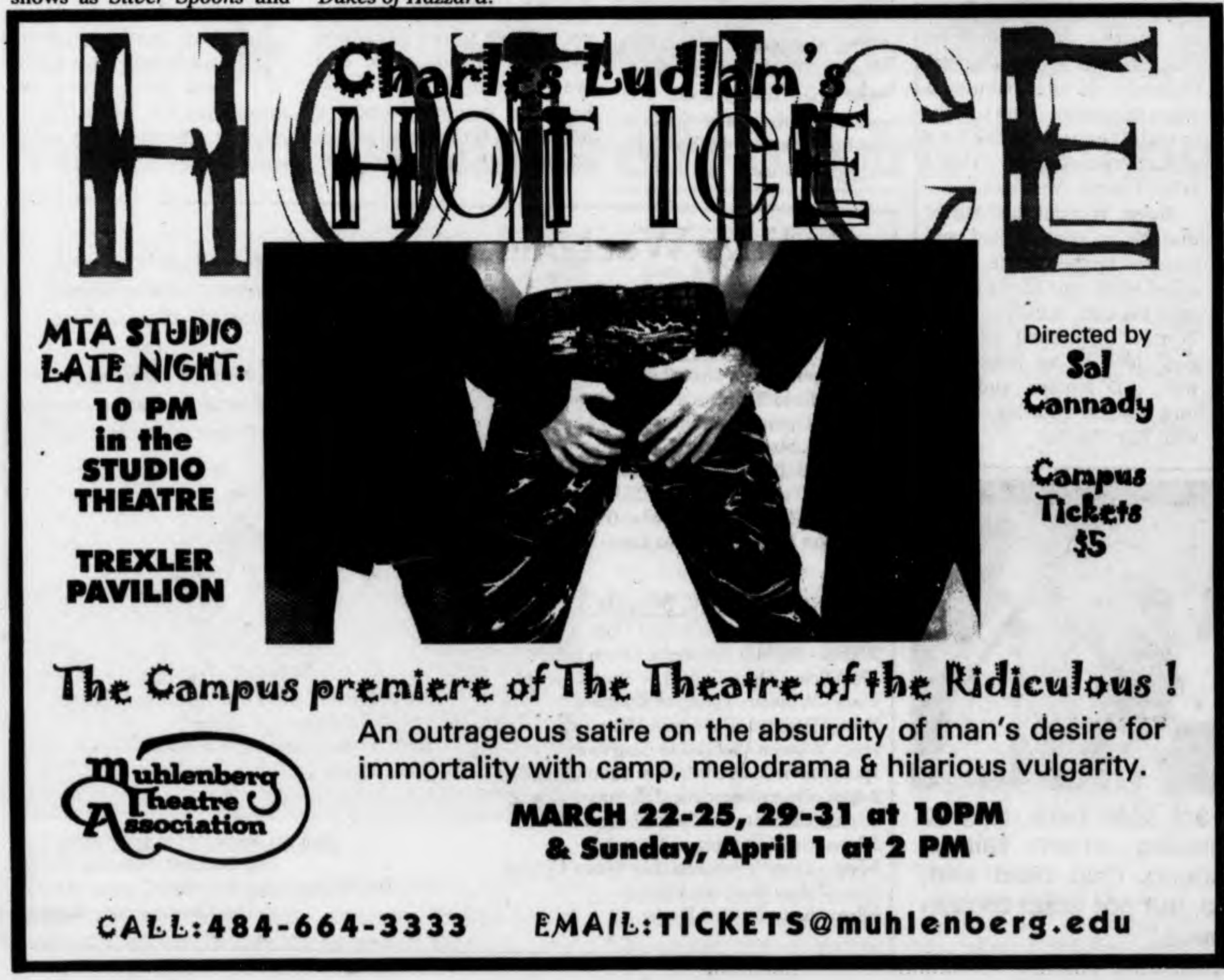


However, as many of you might've noticed, the dynamic duo is no longer to be found. If you were to ask Basner where he's been for the past month, he would probably tell you that the editing equipment in the Communication department is broken. He was really in the hospital undergoing a procedure where doctors worked for hours trying to remove Nathan's video camera from his stomach.

On February 2, while on another quest to annoy students with their ridiculous antics, Basner and Nathan found themselves in a confrontation they couldn't escape. At approximately 3:45 in the afternoon, the two approached 'Berg football star Mike Burke '01 and his rottweiler, "Escobar," to ask, "Why are you wearing that football jacket?"

Burke ripped off his football jacket, proceeded to eat it, then promptly said, "what football jacket?" Then, with a right jab to the face, Burke punched Basner so hard that he fell to the ground, and with a round house kick, sent both Nathan and his video camera flying onto the concrete. Both individuals blacked out, and when they woke up they were stunned to find themselves soaked in dog urine. Additionally, the video camera was nowhere to be found.

Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd said, "This incident is not alcohol related and will not lead to this being a dry campus." If you're lucky enough to spot Basner and Nathan anywhere outside of their dorm rooms, you're going to have a hard time not noticing the large Escobarian bite marks on their foreheads, and the permanent smell of dog urine, both of which go well with the Martha Stewart line of clothing. The pain and suffering inflicted upon the two is undoubtedly horrible, but thanks to Escobar and his owner, the Muhlenberg community will thankfully not have to deal with the annoying activities of the dynamic duo for some time to come.



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life! fashion

Photo by Martha Stewart, Weekly Fashion Editor

What's he wearing under that barrel? No one knows, but Steve Soroka '03 can be proud of his definitive fashion statement. This look is sure to be seen on campus as soon as it warms up.

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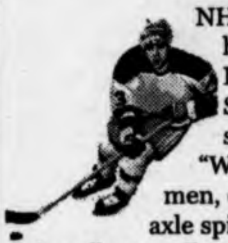
Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Mike Bruckner

PGA – Michael Jordan recently returned from retirement, but not to basketball as many people have hoped. One of the few sports he has not tried, pro golf, has been graced with his presence at the GMC and Ford Bash Chrysler for Going German Invitational this past weekend. After receiving his pro license only two days for the tournament, he managed to score an amazing 78 below par. The truly amazing fact is that par was only 76. After shooting the ball straight into a fan's gaping mouth, the ball was promptly swallowed. League rules state that in such situations an award of –10 must be attached to the score.

NBA – After hearing that Michael Jordan has joined the PGA, Tiger Woods promptly announced that he would be joining the NBA. At a press release Woods stated, "If [Michael] Jordan can switch to sports that he sucks at, then so can I." He then stuck out his lower lip and stomped off the stage.



NHL – In an effort to boost ratings, the NHL has decided to team up with the WWF, the Ice Capades, the XFL, and International Sumo Wrestling Association. A spokesperson announced at a recent press conference, "We think that if we have a bunch of really fat men, dressed in tutus, doing back flips and triple axle spins while performing the pile driver and the flying elbow really will really increase our ratings."

Tough rugby gals join the XFL

By John Madden
Former cheerleader

Not many people know that there is a rugby team on campus, but they have been making a name for themselves nevertheless.

Everyone knows there are some tough girls on campus. They often can be heard screaming outside their boyfriends' windows at night. They don't very often hide from adversity. Even seemingly dainty girls need a release for all that pent up aggression. Rugby is the answer for many of these people. It's a tough sport with even tougher rules.

Rugby is a contact sport, despite the belief that women don't enjoy physical contact. Even headaches don't keep these girls away though. Sophomore Chrissy Wilson expressed, "When I get into it, I start to growl and my long hair stands on end. My teeth always feel sharper too. I think that's why they only let me play during full moons."

Most people have heard of NBC's attempt to give employment to football players that couldn't hack it at the real level; it's called the XFL. It was popular for a week or so, then the ratings fell. In a recent attempt to help boost their ratings and to give diversity to their league, the rugby team has recently been contracted to play in the league.

At a recent press conference, quarterback Brett Johnson stated, "I can't wait to play against those chicks. I love to dog girls on national television. Chicks belong on the sideline cheering for me or in the kitchen cooking me dinner, and that's it." In response to this comment, captain Anne Brown said, "I will rip his guts out and eat them while his last dying gasps are made."

The team's name has already been decided: the Allentown Angry Women Assassins. The girls, as part of the contract, will have men as their cheerleaders, wearing only bikini briefs. In response to this, an unnamed player stated, "My boyfriend is cheating on me right now. I'm going to french one of those guys and make him suffer like he's made me suffer."

Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd has given his full support to the rugby team. He shared, "I really think this is a great opportunity for those ladies. I want to make it really clear, though. By saying this, I am, in no way, shape, or form, trying to make this a dry campus."

The team's first game will be after classes have ended (of course), on May 26. Wilson expressed, "This is going to be an awesome opportunity for us. I think May 26 is a full moon."

Scooter racing added

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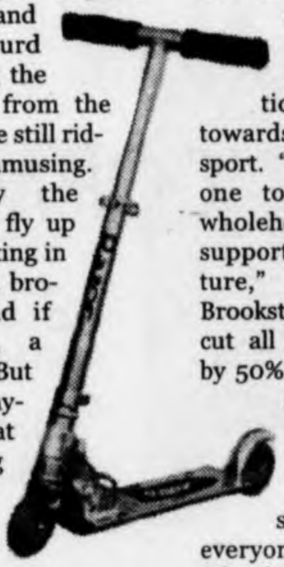
great addition to our athletics. Now I won't be the only person practicing around campus."

One of the most popular gifts this past Christmas; the Razor was under almost every tree. For those students who, by whatever unfortunate reason, don't own a scooter, Assistant Dean of Students, Chip Hurd suggests taking "the scooter from your younger sibling or neighbor." For added fun and enjoyment, Hurd adds, "yanking the scooter away from the youngster while still riding is quite amusing. Done rightly the youngster will fly up to 15 feet resulting in skinned knees, broken arms, and if you're lucky, a broken nose! But I don't want anyone to think that by suggesting this, I want this campus to be a dry one. Drinking only adds to this type of amusement."



The race will include an obstacle course, a speedway, and a freestyle jump. The total regulation length of the race is 1.5 miles. Both male and female contestants will be required to wear helmets, knee and elbow pads, and bikinis. Steve Erber commented, "Muhlenberg can really use women in bikinis racing around on small scooters. I mentioned this was off the record, right? But seriously, since everyone provides their own equipment, I don't really see this as a threat to the football program."

At last Thursday's Student Council meeting, Soroka yelled at Josh Brookstein to forget his stupid campus districts idea and to put all additional funds towards the new sport. "I want everyone to know how wholeheartedly I support this venture," said Brookstein. "But to cut all club budgets by 50% at early allocations simply because you want to buy Razor scooters for everyone at this school is ridiculous. Now, if we were talking about more campus shuttles, that would be a different story."

For those interested, there will be a meeting held in Soroka's room this Saturday at 8 pm.

Baseball wields samurai sword

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the park, giving Mike Morris a home run to win the game.

Morris, ecstatic after the game, claimed Tinkerbell had given the ball pixie dust. "Peter Pan is a good friend of mine," he shared.

The third game and final game of the tournament was disastrous. Mike Falk, Sports Information Director, has refused to give any details regarding the game. When asked if this was somehow connected with the Samurai sword incident, he refused to elaborate. In a prepared press statement, he said, "Coach Macaluso and the players are all very proud that they made it to the final game. We are unable to answer any other questions. Our Justice Department is investigating an incident which we cannot discuss any further without our lawyer's consent."

When Assistant Dean of Students, Chip Hurd was asked how he felt about the tournament, he looked the other way, coughed and said, "We aren't trying to make this a dry campus or anything."

The Yearbook is looking for candid pictures of Muhlenberg Students

If you have any candid pictures that you would like included in the yearbook, please send them to the yearbook by April 6.

Please include the following information on the back of each picture:

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Please send any pictures to the Yearbook
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If you have questions please contact the Public Relations Office x3230.

Profile of a Stool

Everyone has them and most of the time they stink

By Todd Turd
Daily Movement

Ok. We all do it. Don't deny it, you do too. There's something about it that's almost dirty, yet interesting at the same time. Yes, I'm talking about looking at your stool.

People don't understand that this is a serious topic, and needs to be discussed seriously. Too many people stand and stare before the fatal flush without fully understanding what exactly they are staring at. All stools are not created equal, and this article will hopefully enlighten you as to what the difference is between them.

The first stool you should know about is the Garden Room stool. This stool is characterized by its urgent nature. Often it will attempt to vacate your body before you finish eating.

Next is the GQ stool. This is slightly different from the Garden Room stool, because it depends greatly on the type of food you consume. It normally leaves parts of itself "hanging around."

The Ghost stool is an interesting character. It has the uncanny ability to disappear after exiting your body, and leaves the bowl as clean as it was when you sat down.

Closely related to the Ghost is the Clean stool, whose claim to fame is "No Messy Residue!" Conservationists like this stool because it saves toilet paper.

Prevalent around exam time is the Too-Much-Coffee stool. This is an annoying, moist stool that forces students to study in the bathroom rather than read Maxim. It has a rather unpleasant odor.

The fish in this picture is a well-known precursor to the Garden Room stool. Other known accomplices are the moist roast turkey and mashed potatoes with lumpy gravy substance.

The Sloppy stool is probably the most misunderstood stool of all, as many other stools are often mistaken for it. In actuality, the sloppy only happens about 3 times a year. It more than likely will not have a bad odor and will leave your system in two to three days.

Nothing can possibly be more aggravating than the Stubborn stool, which teases you with an exit, then refuses to appear. It has been known to jam up the works for up to a week.

The worst has specifically been saved for last in an attempt to make sure the reader does not in any way underestimate its importance or its raw, unbridled power. It is commonly known as the Beer Stool (given two capital letters out of respect), and can incapacitate a person for up to a full day. The Beer Stool occurs only after a night of heavy drinking and incorporates any or all of the following symptoms: splashing, running, burning, rushing, gurgling, gas, toxic fumes and the condition most commonly known as "swamp ass."

There is no known cure other than letting it run its course. Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd noted the prevalence of Beer Stool on this campus, but said that, "We're not making this a dry campus because of the Beer Stool. I want everyone to know that."

Hopefully by this point you have realized the importance of understanding the difference between your different stools, and how each has its own faults and personality. Next week we will discus- (note: article cut short by a Garden Room stool. How typical.)

Profile of a Fool

Captain Caveman disguised as human

By Fred Flinstone
Fellow Cave Brother

After years of searching, Captain Caveman has finally landed on earth.

Flying from the sky onto Chew Street, clenching his club, Burton Bates has emerged as a Java Joe employee. His extremely large, toned muscles, and blonde ponytail and facial hair, help make the lattes their best. This superhuman's swift flick of the wrist at the espresso machine makes the usual line at 8:59 a.m. not a line at all.

Bates has made making coffee a sport that requires extreme skill and agility. And he certainly draws a crowd.

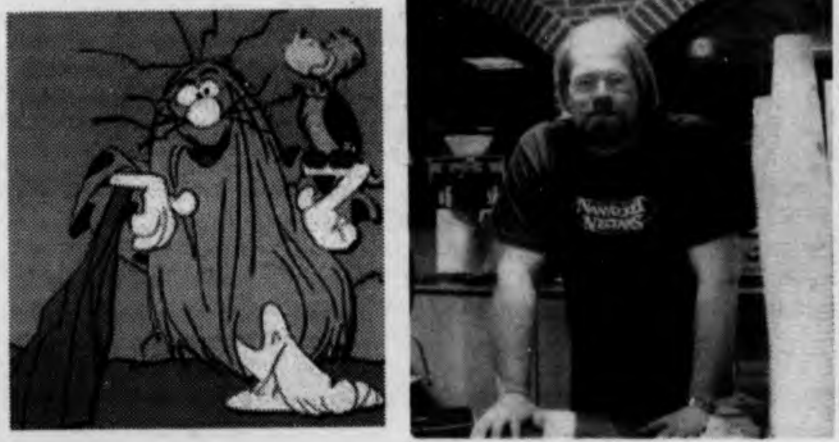
"I didn't know after all of those years I spent in Saskatchewan, girls would still want to watch my coffee-making moves."

When he's not wearing his forest green Java Joe t-shirt or purple Nantucket Nectars attire (he claims he isn't a "juice guy"), Bates can often be found in the weight room of the Life Sports Center, where he lifts with newfound friends on the defensive line of the football team.

He is also a member of the campus Gaming Club. When he is given the role as 'old man,' it hits close to home. "I like others to think I'm acting like someone else—but really, I'm not."

The fascination with Starbucks coffee on the Muhlenberg campus can be credited to Bates' employment at the coffee cart. With volumes and volumes of consumption on the rise, Bates' appearance on campus has been rumored a ploy by College officials. But according to Dean of Students Chip Hurd, "We are not trying to make this a dry campus."

After he graduates with an Anthropology degree, Bates would like to be memorialized in Shankweiler's Trainer museum, beside the resident polar bear, instead of in the Athletic Hall of Fame. "This will be a new and different recruitment tool for all of the athletic tours," Bates said.



Left: A picture of Burton before his transformation to blend in with earthlings.

Right: The now *semi*-human looking Burton sells overpriced coffee drinks to unsuspecting ignorant Muhlenberg students.

Smokers are the elite

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before he started smoking. But after three weeks of only 3 packs a day, his time dropped to 3.2 seconds. Johnson expressed, "If only I had known of this before Sydney!"

The study, entitled Ways to Improve Athletic Ability, has reversed the FDA's policy on smoking. They now endorse smoking with 100% support. A spokesperson for the FDA stated at a press conference last Thursday, "We were stupid. We were wrong. We put broccoli in our socks. Please forgive us for this grave error." No longer are warnings put on cigarette packs, now there are endorsements.

Head Track Coach Brad Hackett said, "Because of this recently released information, we have currently released the entire team and are recruiting only members from the smoking community on campus. If [Michael] Johnson was able to improve so much after only three weeks, imagine what someone could do who's been smoking 3 years!"

While only ten smokers have replaced the formerly 60-member team thus far, Hackett is optimistic. "We have some of the best smokers in any college, anywhere. Some of these people have smoked for over five years," expressed Hackett. However, to avoid imposters, Hackett is only going to allow those who have "the yellowist teeth, the stinkiest breath, and the worst smelling clothes" to join the team.

Track is not the only team that has dumped their players to be replaced with smokers. Baseball, lacrosse, softball, and cheerleading have jumped on the bandwagon. Assistant Dean Chip Hurd stated that despite this reversal in policy, "we're not trying to make this is a dry campus."

Press Release:

Basketball player Mark Lesko was recently chosen to play with the Detroit Pistons. The owner of the Pistons has recently released a press statement saying, "My team sucks this year like always. Without College players like Mark Lesko playing for my team for free, I stand no chance of ever getting the return on investment with the stupid team. If Mark was actually tall, I would probably hire him permanently. He also gives me good press."

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Sports

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Baseball team travels to Japan for first ever tournament

Legal hassles keep College from releasing information

By Richard Hatch
The Ultimate Survivor

The baseball team headed to Japan to face the Tokyo University baseball team in the first ever Japanese-College tournament, over spring break.

All of the players were very excited, as only Coach Bob Macaluso had traveled there before. Due to custom regulations, every player was searched for drugs and alcohol.

President Arthur Taylor warned the team not to bring any drugs or alcohol in his private meeting with the team. Due to the fact that President Taylor was uncooperative with this writer, the contents of his speech are unknown. When this writer contacted several players to see what was discussed, he was informed that they all had signed confidentiality agreements. One player, who will be traded to Dickinson College at the end of this season, almost divulged the contents of the "mysterious speech," but said that could only happen when he had permanently left the school.

However, Coach Macaluso did provide The Weekly with a copy of his talk. Below is a copy of this speech.

"Do not attempt to bring drugs. Do not attempt to bring alcohol. Do not attempt to bring your girlfriend. Do not attempt to stuff a person in your duffel bag. Do not try to move to first class by hitting on the stewardess. Do not say your ancestors bombed Hiroshima or Nagasaki. Do not accept any bribes from people you know. Whatever happens, here are some of the guidelines. We will be staying at a hotel whose name I can't pronounce. You will be required to pay for your own ticket. If you do not pay for your own ticket, you will be unable to graduate. The trip is mandatory if you plan to graduate. Do you understand me? If not, so be it. If I was ever to pass you again in life and you were lying on the road dying of thirst, I wouldn't even bother to give you a drink of water. Well enough of my rambling and now to the conclusion. While in Japan, I will be watching you. If you touch the derrieres of any of those ladies, you'll get a spanking. If you are so smart that you are able to smuggle drugs across the world, I admire you. As for the game, play hard and have fun."

The baseball team practices for next year's tournament in Thailand. They hope to repeat this year's devastating results.

Although, we cannot give any details of this trip outside of the baseball games, we have learned that several suspicious things have occurred. One of Taylor's private detectives watched silently as a player who is 21, but looks 16, was told by police that he had to put his cigarette out. The person promptly refused, and was escorted to jail until a Japanese speaking college official resolved the matter.

A recent press release from Japan spoke of a certain member of the coaching staff who was so angry after one a loss; he bought a samurai sword and attempted to kill the other team's player. This matter is pending investigation in the United States. John Doe was escorted back to America after the judge said in his passable English, "You are crazy, you have now been voted off the island."

The Mules played two games before getting kicked out of the tournament. Here are some of the highlights.

During the first game of the tournament, the Mules crushed the Hiroshika Bandits, 50-10. Junior pitcher Josh Carter threw a perfect game until he was relieved in the fifth inning. Carter mentioned, "I had jetlag fever."

Four players, including Garret Pachtinger and Tim Haberbusch, had seven home runs each. When Pattinger was asked why he couldn't do this back in Allentown, he expressed, "Japan is just like Denver, Colorado. The ball goes further because we're higher above sea level."

In the second game of the tournament, the Mules beat the Tokyo Stars, 10-9. In the ninth inning, the Mules were down 9-7. In the craziest play ever seen, Mike Morris went to bat with a runner on second base and two outs. After fouling twice, Morris saw a change up delivered that he couldn't resist.

After he swung, the ball stopped in midair for more than a minute. The player who was on second forgot to continue running. When the ball continued it connected with the outfielder's head, causing a concussion. As the outfielder collapsed, the other outfielder ran to see what had happened. The ball, which was now on the ground, got, up and hit him. Mysteriously, the ball then continued out of

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Track replaces team with veteran smokers

By Eva Smoke-A-Lot
Former 1-800 Collect Spokesperson

A surprising group of people has added much spark to the college's athletic program recently. This is a group that has emerged from the armpit of athletic disgrace to the spotlight of fame. That's right! It's the smokers!

Everyone remembers middle school health class and the preaching about how cigarettes were bad for you and caused cancer. My teacher Don Lonie once said the definition of a cigarette was "a fire at one end and a fool on the other." Another time during class a girl told Mr. Lonie that she smoked. He replied, "honey, you don't smoke. It's the cigarette that does the smoking, you're just the sucker!"

Only one in three people die from smoking in this country. A fairly lame statistic, compared to the pleasure and bad breath smoking gives. I honestly can't think of a better way for a college student to waste more money. But putting all the negatives aside, Phillip Morris has recently released a study that proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that smoking improves one's athletic performance.

The findings of the recently released study have proven that the higher level of tar buildup in the lungs, the more lungs are able to expand. Because the expandability ratio increases so greatly, the body is able to replace the amount of oxygen used during athletics at an exponential rate. Michael Johnson, world record holder in track, was a subject for this study. His best time in the 100 meters was a 20.5 seconds

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Razor Racing

By Mach3
Former Electric User

A new sport has been added to the varsity roster this past weekend, Razor Scooter racing. Use of the popular scooter will now be taken to the next level.

Both men and women will compete in the Centennial Conference once other schools take Muhlenberg's lead and add this new sport. Steve Soroka, current champion of the Razor Pro, expressed, "I think this is a

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President Elias Saratovsky, left, with Vice President Chris Titze and Treasurer Christina Coviello. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

A (sort of) new Council takes over and elects execs

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

The recently elected Student Council, with only three voting members that were not members of Council last term, chose an executive board and had its first debate of the new season Thursday.

Chris Titze, formerly corresponding secretary, was chosen to be vice president; Christina Coviello will sit for her second year as treasurer; Seth Williams, last term a representative, will serve as corresponding secretary; and Robyn Duda, in her first term as a voting member of Council, is the new recording secretary.

Coviello and Titze, both juniors, were the sole nominees for their positions.

Elias Saratovsky, in his first meeting as student body president, was true to his campaign promise to run a tighter meeting. He assigned committees the duty to provide minutes from their meetings every week so that Council members can refer to them instead of taking up time at Thursday meetings.

In comments before starting, Saratovsky said that Council "should have fun at these meetings but at the

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A laptop computer was stolen from the library last week, and books are stolen toward buyback time every year. Page 6.

Guster review

Despite a band member's ankle injury, Guster performed to a sold-out crowd. Page 11.

Losing streak broken

The baseball team broke its 3-game losing streak, which included a doubleheader loss. The team beat Swarthmore Monday. Page 16.

College finds it tough work to find student managers

3 of 8 presidential assistants hired

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

The College has filled only three of eight presidential assistantships, part-time managerial jobs for students, and will have to distribute that work to other managers on campus if the rest of the positions are not filled.

The presidential assistant positions have been filled for Seegers Union, public relations, and alumni relations. Five other positions remain open: as a webmaster, as a fund raiser in the theater department, in the language learning center, in media services and in residential services.

The positions involve an average of 20 hours of work each week. Anne Hochella, vice president for human resources, said that they are "entry-level management positions."

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Faculty to vote on curriculum overhaul

If passed, requirements would be changed in 2003

BY EMILY E. PANNEBAKER
Editor-in-Chief

The Academic Policy Committee has created a different approach to fulfilling the College's general academic requirements. If approved by the entire faculty, these changes will begin in 2003, with the Class of 2007.

Years ago, President Arthur Taylor charged the faculty to examine different aspects of the general academic requirements. Last year, the Academic Policy Committee (APC), chaired by Professor Patrice DiQuinzio, condensed the number of physical education and foreign language requirements. This year, they concentrated on evaluating and proposing changes to the limits on major requirements, Academic Skills and Perspective requirements.

DiQuinzio's presentation of the proposal at the faculty meeting on March 23 spurred much discussion about the viability of the change. The proposal was tabled, and will be voted on at the next faculty meeting on April 27. At the meeting, Professor Dan Wilson said that he doesn't see a problem with the current curriculum, and Professor John Malsberger said that the opportunity to experiment would be lost through the specialization of the proposal. But the APC is not turned off by the uncertainty that was voiced—the

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Fallon amuses a packed Memorial Hall

BY MICHAEL GOLDSMITH
Associate Editor

Jimmy Fallon, a regular player on Saturday Night Live, was welcomed by a round of applause from Muhlenberg students on March 27.

Fallon performed to students at Memorial Hall, bringing them to laughter with his standup routine covering college practices and miscues. In addition to his standup, Fallon played on an electric guitar a number of original songs from his upcoming album, "Bathroom Wall" and comic adaptations of other popular songs.

Most students were amused for the majority of his show with his constant use of his pink-haired Troll doll prop. "I received the troll as a graduation present in high school, and I thought it was so stupid," Fallon said.

Fallon showed his talent with impersonations that have made him famous in such comedy clubs as Caroline's in New York City and with the comedy troupe, the Groundlings. He imper-

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At auction, IFC raises $650 for Turning Point

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Staff Writer

The interfraternity council held a "Dinner and a Movie Escort Auction" to raise funds for Turning Point Domestic Violence Organization Saturday, raising over $650 total, with one fraternity brother being "bought" for $245.

The auction provided ladies with the opportunity to bid on dates with various fraternity brothers. Two brothers from each fraternity were auctioned off to the highest bidders. Each date came with two movie tickets and a gift certificate to one of ten different restaurants in the area. Fourteen total restaurants made donations to the auction, and four of the gift certificates were placed into a raffle for the audience. College President Arthur Taylor and his wife also offered dinner at their house as a fifth certificate for the raffle.

When Elliot Silver, head of the interfraternity council, began planning for this date auction, he expected to raise about $500 through the event; the night brought in $150 more than that. Although Silver did the majority of organizing for this event, he also had a lot of help

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Scott Norville with hostesses Christina Coviello and Kristen DiLorenzo at the IFC auction. PHOTO BY TERRY LEVINE

The Weekly Review

Proposed at last month's faculty meeting, and to be voted on at the next meeting, a substantial reorganization of the College's graduation requirements marks a long-needed improvement. The new plan will dramatically add to the cohesiveness, depth and practical application of academic life at the College.

Among the changes is a radical restructuring of the Perspective requirements. Replacing the Literature ("L") and Human Behavior and Social Institutions ("B") classes will be new categories [See "Faculty set to vote on curriculum overhaul," page 1]. While there appears to be a radical revamping of the curriculum, such changes merely mark a better organized system.

Instead of far-removed and isolated requirements, the new system provides a connected and interdisciplinary approach to the general academic program. Unto itself, this step towards unifying the curriculum would enhance the very liberal arts nature to the College.

Further, the clustering of requirements would give an excellent opportunity for specialization and cohesiveness among classes mandated for graduation. For far too long the existing system provided a cafeteria-style course selection process, where students pick a wide variety of courses to merely get through the necessities. The current system, designed to provide students with a greater understanding across the three divisions - Natural Science, Social Science and the Humanities - has done quite the opposite.

Instead of taking a variety of courses, which as a whole are merely very different courses with little interconnection, the new system would avoid all course isolation. However, under the new plan, all Perspectives will be done with the utmost unity among disciplines, resulting in a higher level of understanding across the three divisions and a greater appreciation and knowledge of the world's interdisciplinary nature.

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An indirect benefit under the proposed plan will be the rethinking of the current curriculum. As a result of eliminating the current Perspective requirements, individual courses will need to be critiqued. Thus, various courses that exist currently will be perhaps changed under the new plan, and even some that will remain the same, will ultimately be looked at with a critical eye. Such an examination will do nothing more than improve the overall curriculum, including but not limited to the courses which will be reconfigured.

Given the restructuring of the Perspectives, the greatest improvement is the Application requirement, which will provide students with hands-on, independent experiences. This will entail every student to engage in an independent study, independent research, internship, fieldwork, etc. While the "Caring College" motif is, and should continue to be, a staple, a small divergence away from such will surely benefit the students' academic experience. Active learning - be it through an independent study, research, an internship or fieldwork - will supplement and compliment in-class lessons and knowledge.

However, the changes - especially regarding the "clustering" of Natural Science, Social Science and a Humanities requirement - have raised criticism regarding human resources concerns. While there is great truth to this issue, especially regarding time which will need to be dedicated to restructuring the current courses, developing new ones and advising, the overall benefit of the plan far outweighs its losses. One possible remedy would be pushing back the start date from the presently-set 2003 to 2004, if not 2005. While the detractors of the plan raise a valid concern over the enormous amount of time and energy it will take to enact the changes, the challenge is not insurmountable. Through proper planning, and a delay in the programs incorporation, the human resources concern could be dealt with and surely remedied.

All divisions, all departments, all courses - and thereby all students' academic experiences - either directly or indirectly, will be improved if the plan is adoped at this month's faculty meeting.

Next Week's Weekly Discourse Topic: THE EFFECTS OF DRUGS

AN EXAMINATION OF DRUGS FROM ALL PERSPECTIVES

Those interested in contributing, contact Luke at Ltomanelli@aol.com

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THE MARCONI EXPERIMENTS, PART 2

DAN RUSSO

Paddies, cakes & international relations

Today I am a rice cake-bland and insubstantial. I'm roughage because I've nothing profound to say. I've run out of Grade A ideas. Therefore, I'm left to choose between notions that are either flavorless or insane. Given my current situation, I should probably do the honorable thing and slip through the intestines of your consciousness quietly, leaving other more lucid members of the Weekly staff to engage you with quality op/ed articles. Because of my childish urge to get attention, however, I can't shut up! Since I wouldn't be caught dead expressing flavorless ideas, I must utilize some of the crazy kind I have left to create a high-fiber low-calorie bomb that will reek havoc on your intellectual digestive tract. My goal is to offer enlightening insight on the most pressing international issues facing the world this week. Every major new international incident is connected to, and can be understood through rice cakes.

This will cause a fun filled rice-throwing frenzy that'll paralyze the legislative process for weeks.

This week, a U.S. Spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet, increasing tensions with Beijing. The US wants China to return the plane, but this probably isn't going to happen anytime soon because a "confidential" US military assessment was leaked which recommends selling military technology to Taiwan. Why all the top secrets in Asia? I'll give you the inside scoop using the oracle of rice cakes. What are rice cakes made out of? You've got it stud--rice. China produces and consumes the most rice. Uncle Sam and the Taiwanese are conspiring to destroy Chinese defense capabilities by dumping Rice Crispies cereal into the mainland's regular rice supply. The theory is that Chinese soldiers will be so captivated by the mysterious snap crackle and pop in their bowls, China will be unable to repel invasion. After a successful attack-goodbye Communist totalitarian regime, hello democratic breakfast bliss.

The big Campaign finance reform bill was approved by the US Senate, shifting the focus to the House. Top Republicans there are trying to postpone a vote on the bill until after the 2002 elections. Republicans are more dependent on the large corporate donors that the bill is trying to regulate than Democrats are. That's why they don't want campaign finance law to change before they run again. Question--What's the most fun part of a wedding? Right--throwing rice at the newlyweds as they come down the isle on the way out. According to my sources close to rice cakes, the Republicans are planning to stall the bill's passage by throwing rice at their

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Letters to The Editor

To The Editor:

First of all I would like to make a retraction from my first letter [Mar. 22, 2001]. In that letter I stated that Muhlenberg College violated First Amendment rights of students, which is not the case. Under the United States Constitution, First Amendment rights are not protected in private organizations. Still, just because constitutional rights were not violated does not mean free speech was not silenced.

Over the past 2 weeks many of you, students, faculty, and staff, have approached me to voice concerns on the issues addressed in last weeks letter to the editor. I was ecstatic to hear that so many of you agreed with my stance on this issue. Now that we know so many of us feel so strongly about this issue, something must be done.

I urge each and every one of you who is against censorship and believes in the freedom of student expression, to write letters of your own to the editor of this paper. The fact is, we have an invaluable and uncensored

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To The Editor:

Seven nights stay at a five star hotel, round trip airfare with a direct flight, discounted club admission and free drinks in Cancun. This sounds like he perfect spring break, right? Wrong!

It all started when we got our tickets, and they said the wrong hotel, airport, and day. So we decided to take a trip to the travel agency, World Class Vacations. Not only was the representative the rudest person we ever met but he also treated us as if we were the stupidest people on the planet.

Our flight was cancelled on Sunday morning. Monday rolled around and our flight was to leave at 7:15 p.m. Then, they cancelled our flight again because there was a mechanical problem with the plane. Now, World Class Vacations had no reps at the airport and their offices were closed. Therefore, they shipped us to the Best Western in Long Island. Tuesday we were supposed to leave at 7:15 p.m., then 9:10, then 10:00.

Finally, the plane landed. The pilot got on the speaker and said, "the good news is you're in Mexico. The bad

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, CONTINUED

Strength in numbers

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resource of expression at our disposal, yet few of us choose to make use of it.

Many of you have informed me that your parents agreed with the issues at hand and were outraged at the acts of censorship that took place that Thursday evening at Mr. Muhlenberg. Tell your parents to make phone calls and write letters to let those on top know that these actions will not be tolerated. I'm not advocated that Mom and Dad get involved every time any of us face a problem, but the simple fact of the matter for most of us is that they pay the bills and therefore have a great deal of influence.

We are the citizens and clients of this institution and we have a voice. One voice alone may not create a great impact, but through our combined efforts we can make a change. If our voices raise concerns of a problem then the powers that be will have no choice but to deal with that problem. No business can ever be successful without satisfied clients and no democracy can exist without majority rule. If we all act together then we cannot and will not be silenced. Changes will come; the only question is whether it will be in the overall satisfaction of the students of Muhlenberg College or in the overall attendance.

- Andrew Poag, '01

Sun, sand and airports

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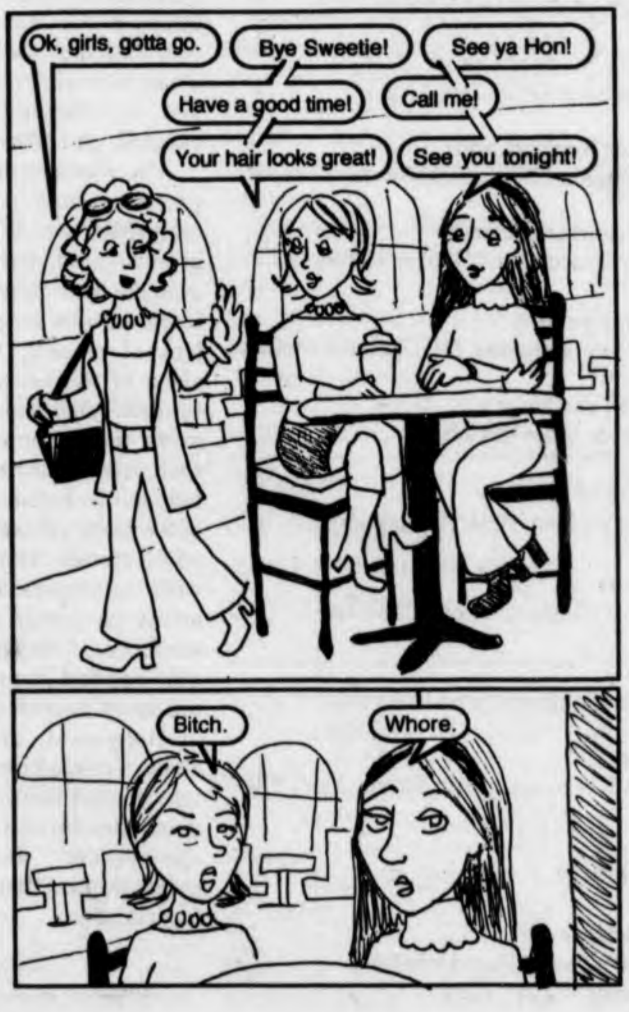
news is you're 4 hours from Cancun." The Cancun airport closed while we were in the air. So we are waiting, sleeping on the ground and waiting. We finally left at 6 a.m. and drove four hours to Cancun. A woman met us on the bus that was not even a representative from World Class Vacations. There was no American representative around to answer any of our questions. Again, we were left in the dark.

We got to Cancun at 10 a.m. and finally got to the beach. However more empty promises lay ahead. We were supposed to get free drinks at certain times; however they were the most bogus times and at the most random places. They lied about MTV being at certain clubs. At the clubs our reps were supposed to be there to get us in so we didn't have to wait in line, but our reps always left earlier than the other companies.

We cannot hold the travel agency responsible for the flight. However, they had no live contacts available from their offices, no answers. We later found out that there was an American rep in Cancun; however, he was our age and partied every night. What kind of professionalism is that? Other trips such as STS and Student City got VIP bracelets and much better treatment than we did at a cheaper price.

Our advice is this: if you go to Cancun, it is unbelievable. Do not use World Class Vacations.

- Jessica Kriss, Sarah Franklin, Kira Glastein & Aimee Reiss


Ok, girls, gotta go.
Bye Sweetie!
See ya Hon!
Have a good time!
Call me!
Your hair looks great!
See you tonight!
Bitch.
Whore.

Chartering explained

Jeff Baird
News Editor

The Phi Kappa Tau national fraternity officially granted its Eta chapter, originally founded here in 1918, a charter, signaling the chapter's official return to the fraternity.

We did not cover the chartering in our news pages because of an overbearing conflict of interest among top editors. But we wanted to use the op/ed page to convey what the chartering means and why it is important.

In 1994, Phi Kappa Tau brothers here acted with such misjudgment that the College withdrew its recognition of the fraternity on campus, and national fraternity officials revoked the chapter's charter, essentially ending Phi Tau at Muhlenberg.

After everyone concerned in that incident graduated, national officials returned to the College to try to resurrect the fraternity's seventh-oldest chapter. They were able to find 15 students in the classes of 2000 and 2001 who were willing to restart Eta as a colony and to work toward a charter.

Last month, that process ended, as the national fraternity granted us a charter which we, the brothers still here now and last year's graduates who helped colonize, were able to sign. (The charter is the official document that recognizes us, Eta chapter, as a national Phi Kappa Tau chapter.)

The fraternity's national president, vice president, executive director, and other officers were present at the chartering ceremony, along with Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd and Dean of Admission Chris Hooker-Haring, a Phi Tau here at Muhlenberg College from 1972.

The chartering is a big deal for us because we, collectively, are now an official chapter and we, individually, are officially brothers (before, we were technically "associates"). The chartering will not change our impact on campus. We will continue to be a substance-free house and we consider that an asset. We will continue to have open events where we do not turn anyone away at the door.

The real story behind all of this is how 15 those brothers who originally restarted Eta were able to create a fraternity in a dry house and to overcome the overall bad sentiment of 1994. The story is laden with success and frustration -- and we encourage anyone interested to ask us about it.

Rice cake conspiracy

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political opponents. This will cause a fun filled rice-throwing frenzy that'll paralyze the legislative process for weeks.

Finally, fugitive dictator Milosevic was caught and arrested by Serbian police for "graft." This comes as a surprise to the world considering most people thought he would eventually be arrested for orchestrating a genocide. Nobody knows exactly what "graft" is, but rice cake experts suggest it is a criminal offense related to abusing rice, which is apparently a more serious offense than mass murder in some countries.

In conclusion, rice cakes, a tasteless, odorless low-calorie, high-fiber food, are essential to the geo-political power structure. If they fall into the wrong hands, they can be extremely dangerous. Treat them with care.

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Weekly Discourse: The treatment of celebrities

Mike Lerman
Weekly Columnist

An exhaustingly large group of world-famous musicians, television stars, and Hollywood personalities has been spending quite a lot of time in the courts. Robert Downey, Jr., now more popular than ever due to his performance on "Ally McBeal," is facing up to five years in jail related to drug charges. Rapper Eminem and his wife have now separated and are trying to reach a custody settlement. Some would say that the mass media have no right to publish the stories, as they are defaming to the celebrities, and that the media have no right to invade on their privacy. However, I believe that it is this type of exposé that keeps America from literal worship and idolatry of its stars.

Celebrities aren't any more perfect or moral than any of us. Russell Crowe may seem like a great person to fashion oneself after, considering he just won an Oscar, but the tabloids have been bent on reminding us that he's the chief instigator in at least one marital break-up. Let's not forget that we have many onscreen heroes but there's a good chance that they aren't necessarily heroes offscreen. It's only right that the media should remind us that celebrity doesn't equal immunity.

Of course, not all celebrities are criminals, but negative portrayals are a good counteraction to the wholesale glorification that surrounds our biggest stars. Just look at all the magazines at your local newsstand. I'm willing to bet that most of them are entertainment-related. Our society focuses on these people. But the media also point out their shortcomings, which I believe is fair.

That is not to say that the press should have some scruples. I felt that the false outing of last year's Oscar winner Kevin Spacey was a serious faux pas. If Kevin Spacey wants to talk about his sexuality publicly, he can. If a celebrity's behavior is harmless, then it should be up to him or her whether or not it goes in the papers.

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On the other hand, the media should be applauded for being a great method of promoting cultural unity. Moreover, the media can inspire intellectual debate. What exactly does the First Amendment protect? How has the institution of marriage evolved, or if you like, devolved? These and other questions are posed by the media, who are unfairly portrayed as parasites. The media are taken for granted. Next time you pick up a copy of Entertainment Weekly, appreciate - just for a second - the media, for they thanklessly accomplish the immense task of regulating our role models.

Lucas Tomanelli
Asst. OP/ED Editor

Since our childhood, our parents and other role model type figures have tried to convey the fact that to their children that no human being is perfect. When we take actions that society would deem inappropriate, we will often later realize that we are responsible for the wrongdoings that we've committed. Most (not all, but most) reasonable human beings have the abilities to recognize their faults, and for the most part, we can rely on society, or the people that we've offended to forgive for us for our unacceptable behaviors. This is a satisfying characteristic of human nature: forgiveness, not to mention privacy and the right to do things (whether good or bad) without everyone seeing and knowing exactly what goes on behind the curtains. However, put yourself in the position of some of today's most well-known celebrities, and in the spotlight of a majority of the American media, you can consider yourself stripped of the right to be presented to the American public in an honest light, and the right to a private life.

Movie stars like Arnold Schwarzenegger and Robert DeNiro, and even some of the more infamous characters like Eminem, Robert Downey, Jr. are all examples of contemporary American celebrities. However, what does this "infamous" label refer to? Marshall "Eminem" Mathers and Robert Downey Jr. have each displayed behavior that society is certainly going to look down upon because the majority of our culture doesn't view such conduct (sexually and racially derogatory lyrics, and the use and abuse of addictive drugs) as appropriate. However, to what point can members of society trust the media when everyone knows that the goals of some specific media organizations (tabloid shows and newspapers) to provide us with news that will raise our eyebrows and not necessarily news that will reflect the truth? Yes, both Eminem and Robert Downey Jr. are guilty of some of the things that they've been accused of, but we need to be aware that the truth is often times stretched at the expense of a negative celebrity image.

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And what ever happened to privacy? Nowadays, someone that's considered celebrity often has to hire private security companies and bodyguards to monitor their safety. And everyone remembers the incident of the unknown individuals that broke into the residence of Pamela Anderson and Tommy Lee and proceeded to post the couple's homemade sex-video on the internet. No one really knows who took the video, but it doesn't matter who the perpetrator was, the couple's privacy was violated, end of story.

The above mentioned examples are only a handful of celebrities whose privacy has been violated, and whose public images have been negatively impacted due to some people's lack of respect. Undoubtedly, some of the accusations made towards celebrities are true. But every time I enter a business that sells newspapers, I can't help but be bothered by the site of the many tabloids that fill the news stands and news racks with information that holds about as much truth as the words of OJ Simpson. The next time you feel like reading up on the most recent developments in Hollywood, or information about a celebrities life, get your information from a publication that relies on the facts, not on speculation, and not on assumptions that contain no factual basis.

Congratulations to the Henry Award Nominees

Published Writer of the Year
Jeff Baird, Russ Choma, Lucia Suletz

Programmer of the Year
Dave Basner, Melanie Laputka, Doug McHoul

Musical Performance of the Year
Little Shop of Horrors, The Donson Project, Nate Pickowitz

Greek Leader of the Year
Adam Evans, Garret Pachtinger, Joy Strauss

Event of the Year
Freshman Class Semi-Formal, Ribbon Project, Senior Citizens Prom

Organization of the Year
Muhlenberg Theater Association, Muhlenberg Activities Council, The Cardinal Key Society

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People's Choice Faculty
Dr. Bill Dunham, Dr. Jack Gambino, Dr. Elizabeth McCain

Male Athlete of the Year
Josh Carter, Mark Lesko, Mike McCabe

Female Athlete of the Year
Katrina Beck, Jessica Drennan, Heidi Harrington

Esprit de Corps
Carla Caggiano, Tyler Holmberg, Theresa Leinker

Unsung Hero
Steven Dimirsky, Julie Goldberg, Jared Pasternak

Helping Hand
Lindsey Moore, Erica Kornstein & Erin Strom, Aliza Vitberg

Trailblazer
Frank Caria, Elizabeth Page, Nate Pickowicz

Rookie of the Year
Catina Crismale, Robyn Duda, Tyler Holmberg

Web registration not among proposed benefits

But other changes are in store

By Joseph Trentacoste
Managing Editor

The Office of the Registrar is in the process of updating their systems to make students' lives easier.

However, despite being technologically ready, the College will not be moving ahead with Web registration anytime soon.

Brad Barron, Registrar, ends the rumors about the speculated move to automated registration and defends the administration.

"I want to make it clear that the College is not against making things more technologically advanced," he says. "We just feel that the current process works pretty well."

> *"Technology should only be used to augment the current system, not replace the advising process."*
> Holmes Miller

Many underclassmen are enduring the current process right now.

It includes selecting courses and alternatives, filling out forms and getting advisor input and signatures before waiting on line to present the schedule to the registrar. At that point, the students may or may not be closed out of courses and have to change their schedule around.

Many feel that Web registration would alleviate the problem of waiting on line and having to find last minute faculty signatures for course changes.

Associate Professor of Business Dr. Holmes Miller, a proponent of web registration, corrects this misunderstanding.

"Technology should only be used to augment the current system, not replace the advising process. I hope going to the Web would not replace face-to-face interaction between students and advisors," he says.

Barron maintains Miller's point. "Advising and registration are married, in a sense," he explains. "Students would still need to see their advisors."

According to Miller, a future solution to this topic could be a security-encrypted online scheduler that allows advisors to virtually "sign off" on their advisees' proposed schedules and lock out any further student changes without approval. He claims this would stop the last-minute course switching often practiced by students.

The course switching is a point that Barron also brought up, though he prefaced it by saying that the process should include the advisor's signature on every change. Even with these small problems, Barron affirms that web registration is unnecessary at this point.

"The question is, will doing this *enhance* or *advance* the registration process?" he asks. "Other than removing paper, not really. Web registration may work in the future, but for right now we are focusing on other improvements."

Some of those improvements have already happened, and others are not far off. In fact, the first has already been implemented.

Students will notice that the confusing course numbers in their registration packets have been changed to letter-number combinations that coincide with the department names.

For example, instead of an English course being 380-351-00, it now reads ENG-351-00, making it easier for students to find the courses they wish to take.

Also, instead of having to walk to the basement of Haas every time they need a form, students can print all registration forms off the Registrar Web site in Adobe PDF format. Included on the site are drop/add, transfer, registration and several others.

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> Brad Barron

Coming next fall will be a student-user version of the Capstone program currently being utilized by faculty. The program will allow students to view their records and grade information online, including their transcripts and current schedule. According to Barron, other selections could allow students to view their tuition bill and financial aid information online.

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> Brad Barron

"This is probably the thing students would be most interested in," he says with a smile. "The system will be connected to the registrar mainframe, so about a half-hour after we input semester grades from professors, students will be able to view them online through the program."

The idea of "instant grades" would definitely save some students from that three-week waiting period before they arrive via mail, though Barron made it clear that the system would not replace paper transcripts.

When told about the upcoming changes, John Fontana '03 commented, "I think my first question would be, 'What is the security like?' Also, although it sounds like a great program, I think our top priority should be doing something about registration, even if it is only eliminating paper forms."

Fontana's sentiment is not completely shared by all, though he says many students he has talked to have been complaining about the lack of interest from their advisors.

Freshmen Karen Lehtonen and Jenny Kellogg were excited about the mentioned updates.

"My brother has a system like that at Susquehanna, and it's very effective," Lehtonen says. "I would definitely use it."

Kellogg declared, "I think it's great to be able to get your grades right after the professor turns them in. I hated waiting for them to come in the mail."

Both students commented that they have had little problem with their registration process so far this year, and think the current system is effective.

"All of these changes are being performed to better assist the people we are trying to serve – the students," Barron said. "Although it may seem different at times, we only ever try to do what is right for them."

David Lloyd, president of the Eta chapter of Phi Kappa Tau, left, and Chris Sallerno, former president, right, display the charters granted to the chapter on March 23. Brothers here earned the chartering after several years as a colony working toward chartered status. National officials at Phi Kappa Tau were present at the chartering ceremony, along with school officials. The house will remain substance-free. No news article was written because of a conflict of interest among top ediotrs. Please see an op-ed about the chartering on page 3.

Photo by Chip Hurd

Security needed for speaker

By Kelly Lehman
Weekly Staff Writer

A former Ku Klux Klan member, who spoke at the College last Thursday, requested two security guards to be present at the event.

Security served as a precautionary measure for the campus guest, due to his controversial subject matter and former affiliation with the KKK. He was concerned with his personal safety as well. In the past, he rejected an offer to enter the witness protection program.

The gathering was restricted to students, faculty and staff. This attendance restriction added another precautionary measure to the two Campus Safety officers present. According to Campus Safety Director, Ken Lupole, they were notified one week ahead of time that the former KKK member wanted security present. There were no problems at the previous three locations at which he spoke, where security was also provided. The decision to require security for speakers is a routine process for Lupole. It depends on individual speakers and the topics covered. Lupole said, based on this information, "We make an assessment on what we should do."

OFF CAMPUS

University of Maryland -- Three thousand fans left the arena where Duke defeated the University of Maryland in a way that at first seemed calm, but quickly turned to violence. Minutes after the crowd exited the stadium, police received reports of fires across the area, some as high as 30 feet. Many were fueled by angry fans throwing alcohol and other debris into the blaze. By the end of the night, police reported about 60 different fires. Nobody was injured, but head injuries and some burn victims were reported. The fires incurred over $1 million in damage to the electrical systems alone, and left over 30,000 area residents without power the next morning. Aside from the fires, Maryland fans vandalized anything that said Blue Devils, broke store windows and assaulted fans as they tried to drive away.

Scranton, Pa. -- Organizers of a scam sought out more than 70 homeowners facing foreclosure on their mortgages, convinced them to turn their deeds over to a faulty holding company, and charged them rent. They scammed the homeowners over $300,000 in the process, a lawsuit prepared by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office charges. The victims were not told they were still liable to their original banks and many banks foreclosed anyway, forcing the victimes out of their homes. In addition to recovered damages, the lawsuit asks for $492,000.

Allentown -- A pet rotweiler named Princess bit a four-year-old on the face Monday, sending the boy to the hospital for stitches. He received several bites. If the owners of the dog prove that it had immunizations, they may keep the dog; otherwise it will be euthanized.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly Cloudy	Scattered Showers	Mostly Cloudy
High: 55 Low: 38	High: 61 Low: 44	High: 69 Low: 49

Annual laptop stolen from library

By Mike Mazzaro
Weekly Staff Writer

At the library and at other locations around campus, students often have a tendency to leave valuables and personal belongings unattended. On March 27 at 10:45, a student left a laptop behind in a study carrel to get a drink.

When she returned to the carrel on B-Level, her computer was gone. This was the second laptop reported stolen from the library over the past two years. Laptops, however, are not the only thing that have a tendency to disappear from the library.

Keys, books, wallets and other valuables have been taken; despite this, however, students continue to leave items unattended.

Tom Gaughan, director of Trexler Library, has taken steps to make students more concious about leaving their valuables lying around. "I don't want to give the students an impression that there's a crime wave going on in the library," he stressed. Gaughan has worked in various libraries over the last 24 years and thinks that other colleges have more significant problems with theft than the College has.

The biggest problem he sees in Trexler Library involves students who are doing work, then leave to get a drink or use one of the computer labs.

Their valuables are left unattended and are at risk of being stolen. In order to alleviate this trend, the library developed a warning system last January. Gaughan and members of the library staff distribute slips of neon green paper saying "I could have stolen this," on unattended items.

They hope this will serve as a future warning system to students.

There are also surveillence cameras in the lobby of the library which were installed last January.

A student left a purse unattended in the library Tuesday.
Photo by Jeff Baird

These have detected a theft in one case but not in this most recent laptop theft. One of the problems is that some classes take place in the library. Someone could slip out carrying something within a large group. In addition to the warning systems and cameras, Gaughan will go into a computer lab, when he sees valuables unattended, and ask if any students had left an item.

One of the library's problems is that it is open to all members of the community. By law, the Trexler Library is required to let any citizen use the government documents on file. Because the College obtains these articles from the government at no charge, it must guarantee citizens' rights to use them. But when someone comes into the library, that person has access to the entire collection and all areas.

"Anyone can pretend to read," said Gaughan.

Theft increases in the library when the number of students that use the library increases.

Thus with the semester coming to a close and with more students using the library's facilities, the time to be on alert is now.

Students who have a tendency to keep their valuables in their bookbags rather than on themselves have a greater tendency to have things stolen.

In these cases, the thief simply takes the whole bookbag. Gaughan wants to make two important points clear. "Don't give anybody an opportunity to make you a victim. The library cannot tell how common thiefs are. All victims of theft should make a report of the incident."

The stolen laptop was reported to a member of the library staff. The student was then directed to Campus Safety where a report was filed.

Ken Lupole, director of Campus Safety attempted to find someone carrying a laptop out of the library on camera but could not.

A student who returned to an area where they had left belongings unattended said, "I certainly will be more careful with my belongings in the future," when she found out about the laptop thefts.

"What we want to get out to students, especially with the pressure of the end of the semester," Lupole said, "is that we're asking people to please not leave their valuables unattended."

He said that leaving things "gives an individual the opportunity to take them."

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

Rate cuts don't quite save markets from downturn

The Federal Reserve has cut interest rates three times so far this year in a bid to keep the slowing U.S. economy from slipping into recession. Lowering interest rates typically leads banks to offer lower-cost loans, which Fed officials hope will encourage consumers to spend more.

But U.S. economic woes persist as investors continue to sell-off their stock holdings. Monday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 100.85 points to close at 9778. Technology stocks did not fear much better, the NASDAQ dropped 57.29 points to close at 1,782.97.

A few things including a report from American Express that it appears that the company's earnings for the first quarter and the year will be lower than expected triggered the losses. Last year the travel and financial giant earned 48 cents per share, while this year the company suffered a 19% drop to 39 cents a share.

This 9 cent per share loss may not sound like much, but when added up the company has lost $185 million of its value. Company officials blame this multimillion-dollar loss on the write down and sale of certain high-yield securities held in the portfolio of one of the company's subsidiaries, American Express Financial Advisors.

The market tanked again on Tuesday after a slew of earnings warnings brought fears to the forefront about how companies will perform in a slowing economy. The Dow dropped 292.22, or around 3 % to 9,485.71 while the NASDAQ fell 109.97, or more than 6 percent, to 1,673.00. Another reason for the drop is simply that it is tax season and many investors must sell some of their holdings to get extra money in order to pay their taxes.

Also, the large chemical company DuPont reduced its work force by 12% by firing 4,000 workers. The company said that the reasons for the firings were a weakening U.S. economy and slow textile markets.

It appears that the road ahead for the U.S. auto industry is a bumpy one. New cars are selling, but there is so much competition that it prevents auto maker to raise prices and because of this the industry expects March sales to be 10% lower than they were a year ago. This year the auto makers have been unable to raise prices, but are still spending 42% more on rebates and incentives for every car and truck they sell. In 1996 in order to break even auto makers had to sell 14.3 million new cars, this year they must sell 16.4 million new cars to break even.

College finds that it's hard work to recruit presidential assistants

With 78 open beds, housing conditions are sometimes a deterrent

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"They're positions that if we had enough money, we'd go hire someone to do it," Hochella said. "It's not work study; it's not an internship. It's real work."

In exchange for that work, students receive tuition for two course units, with additional courses charged at the part-time student rate ($2,455 per unit) "so that they don't incur a huge tuition bill" for taking more than two classes, Hochella said.

There is little tangible incentive to become a presidential assistant beside the tuition reimbursement. The workers are paid a monthly stipend of $400—but because the internal revenue service taxes not only the stipend but also the value of the two course units, the take-home portion of the stipend drops to about $200, Hochella said.

"It's really just pocket money," she said. "It's not intended to pay for room or board."

For Hilary Odom, a presidential assistant in the Alumni Relations office, because her parents claim her as a dependent, her free tuition hits them hard "because it looks like I'm independently wealthy when I'm not," she said.

"It's not very attractive if a person has an extremely generous financial aid package," Hochella said. "We need to appeal to the parents because in a lot of cases, the students don't really have an idea of what tuition is."

But Hochella said that the work experience is a primary incentive to take the position. "In any case, it's a managerial position" that will give students an edge over those who only have internships and other work study jobs.

"We expected that what people would do is extend their stay here to five years—but we've found that to be the exception," she said.

"For me, it was being able to gain career experience and still be here. I knew I wanted to be in higher education," Amy Jeffries, once a presidential assistant and now the assistant to College president Arthur Taylor. "It was being able to gain career experience and still be here. I knew I wanted to be in higher education."

"They helped me get my first job after college—it was like having a year of experience before even leaving school," Jeffries added.

Presidential assistants are required to live off campus, in housing that is not owned by the College because, Hochella said, "we see this as a transition into the real world of work."

But that real world of work might be a little too real for some students to manage. Living completely off campus means that students rent apartments from local landlords and would be responsible for signing a contract with the landlord that covers utilities, monthly payments and other housing issues. Those issues are covered completely by the College not only for students that live in dormitories, but also for those that live in College-owned housing.

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>
> Anne Hochella,
> Vice President for Human Resources

"It was very hard finding an apartment because it seems like Muhlenberg owns half of the west end anyway," Odom, said. "Some people like living off campus and I was definitely not ready for that transition."

"All of a sudden, you have to schedule an hour of your day" to fix meals, she said, "and sometimes that hour isn't there."

"I think that maybe we should be allowed to opt for campus housing if it's available after the lottery," Odom suggested.

The Office of Residential Services confirmed that this semester there are 78 open bed spaces for which no student is paying.

For its part, the College cannot, at the time it offers housing, earmark eight beds for presidential assistants. Indeed, to offer housing and a bed to students who are taking two or three classes at little or no charge—and then to deny the bed space to a potential freshman—would not be sound planning, College officials say. Also, the system was developed so that the students would be presidential assistants for two years, with a five-year tenure at the College, which would place an even greater burden on the College for a part-time student.

But the College receives no payment for the 78 bed spaces that are open now—and still forces presidential assistants to live off campus. Odom said she would settle for the worst room on campus (presumably the ones left over in the late spring after the lottery is complete and the freshman class numbers are in) before she'd search off campus again. [The 78 spaces includes beds in rooms where one roommate has moved out and one roommate remains.]

"The theory behind this program, also, is that it would free up a bed space," Hochella added. "And that allows us to bring in another student to pay tuition."

Because the presidential assistants are part-time work positions, it would be difficult to offer those positions to workers in the area. Indeed, a part-time managerial job here does not carry benefits of tuition reimbursement and retirement benefits.

"That's why it's more attractive for a student to pick it up," Hochella said.

Hochella said that if the positions are not filled by presidential assistants, the College will redistribute work among the existing managers in each department.

"We're just going to keep beating the bush," Hochella said. But if the College cannot fill those positions, she said, "the managers will just wind up taking on the extra work. It's not good."

"That's going to make things difficult for all the people that don't have their P.A.'s," Hochella said. "They're panicked."

Large draw at IFC date auction

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from Jane Schubert, Dean of Students Rudy Ehrenberg, Allison Norton, Assistant Dean of Students Chip Hurd, and Valerie Lane from the community service office. Christina Coviello, president of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority and Kristen DiLorenzo, president of the Delta Zeta sorority, hosted the program as auctioneers.

The auctioning began with sophomore Anthony Church. Being the first contestant, he was somewhat nervous to go onstage. Church said, "All of the pressure was on me, being the first one to go. I was the guinea pig!"

After the nerve-racking start, the auction was off and running. Once things started, more people filled the room. Both the audience and the brothers appeared to have had a good time.

Charissa Bacsik, a freshman attending the event, said she enjoyed the evening. Although she had no intentions of bidding, she found it quite entertaining. "It was interesting to see how willing people were to spend money to go on a date," she said.

The highlight of the evening occurred when Freshman Leslie Bruno bid all of $245 on Junior Scott Norville. She had gone to the event with a limit in mind. However, after getting into the competition auctioning, things changed.

Bruno commented, "I expected my limit to be around $100, but as it got higher, it was just me and another girl in the front. It was my competitive nature coming out. I wanted to win."

Bruno and Norville will be sharing a $75 gift certificate to the Federal Grill, along with movie tickets to a local theater.

Silver said he "was hoping it wasn't going to be just Greek-oriented. I wanted it to be a campus event. I'm glad it turned out that way." He remarked, "I hope it's something that somebody can step up to plan for next year. I really hope it continues."

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Campus Safety Notes

March 20—Vandalism—Someone yanked the poles supporting the chain in the M.L. fire lane out of the ground.

March 20—Harassment—An individual on campus made harassing calls.

March 21—Theft—Car keys were stolen from a locker in the Life Sports Center and a wallet was stolen from a car. The wallet was recovered, missing cash and credit cards.

March 21—Hit and Run—A vehicle backed into another car in the Benfer lot.

March 21—Injured Student—A student playing racquetball was hit in the right eye with a ball.

March 22—Theft—A wallet was stolen from the back drive and was recovered without cash in it.

March 22—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off the alarm at 2214 Chew St.

March 22—Sick Student—A student suffered from low blood pressure after giving blood.

March 23—Harassment by Communication—Thirteen hangup calls were made to someone on campus, from someone Campus Safety believes to be on campus.

March 23—Theft—A student ID, simplex and keys were stolen from a car in Philadelphia.

March 23—Harassment by Communication—One sexual harassment phone call was made, probably from on campus.

March 23—Electrical Problems—A circuit breaker and transformer were damaged, putting three fraternity houses out of power.

March 24—Injured Student—A student, after consuming alcohol, had to go to the hospital for stitches in the head.

March 24—Theft—A white chaise lounge chair and a ladder were stolen from the Sigma Phi Epsilon house; the ladder was recovered.

March 24—Alcohol Violation—One person was sent to the Dean of Students for possession in Prosser.

March 24—Fire Alarm—Steam from a pressure washer set off a fire alarm at Tau Kappa Epsilon.

March 24—Vandalism—Someone broke a hanger or paper clip inside a lock in Prosser.

March 24—Alcohol Violation—One student and two non-students were found in Prosser with alcohol.

March 25—Trashing—Someone threw trash on two floors of Prosser.

March 25—Trashing—Someone threw trash in a stairway in Seegers Union.

March 25—Fire Alarm—Eggs cooking set off the alarm at 415 N. Leh St.

March 25—Injured Visitor—The individual sprained his right ankle and was transported to the hospital.

March 25—Information—Campus Safety received a report that someone may have been supplying students with drugs.

March 25—Alcohol Violation—Eight non-students, four of whom are students at Lehigh, were found with alcohol after the Guster concert.

March 26—Vehicle Violation—A freshman had a car in the Seegers lot.

March 26—Injured Student—A student was cut on the right wrist and tripped.

March 27—Theft—A student's laptop computer was stolen from the library.

March 27—Fire Alarm—Candles on a cake set off a fire alarm at 2343 Liberty St.

March 28—Injured Student—A student was hit in the eye with a ball while playing tennis.

March 28—Harassment—One student and two non students threw water balloons at people from trees.

March 29—Vandalism—The blue light cover was damaged at 26th and Liberty St.

March 29—Suspicious Person—An individual was standing outside the library staring at the wall. Director of Campus Safety Ken Lupole said they "explained to him that that wasn't quite appropriate activity" and asked him to leave.

March 29—Injured Student—A student received a shoulder injury in Trexler Pavillion.

March 29—Fire Alarm—At 2317 Liberty St, dishes set off the fire alarm.

March 30—Fire Safety Violation—A coffee pot was left on in Ettinger.

March 30—Sick Student—A student had a fever and chills in Taylor Hall.

March 30—Information—Three Allentown high school students were wandering around the library when they should have been in school. Campus Safety referred them to the school district.

March 30—Alcohol Violation—Three students were found with a 30-pack of beer and were referred to the Dean.

March 31—Vandalism—The east door in M.L. was kicked and damaged.

March 31—Disturbance— An argument between two people was broken up by the R.A.

March 31—Sick Student/Alcohol Violation—An underage student became sick after drinking in Brown.

March 31—Vandalism—The chain across the M.L. fire lane was damaged.

March 31—Alcohol Violation—Three students and four non-students were drinking in Walz. The non-students were issued letters of trespass and the students were referred to the Dean.

March 31—Fire Alarm—Popcorn set off the alarm at 2243 Liberty St.

March 31—Sick Student—A student suffered an upset stomach and dizziness and was transported to the hospital.

April 1—Motor Vehicle Accident—A vehicle backed into another in the Benfer fire lane.

April 1—Disorderly Conduct—Students picked up a garbage can, threw garbage and kicked it around. Campus Safety made them collect the trash and put it back in the can; the students were then referred to the Dean.

April 1—Theft—A table was thought to be missing from the library, but it was taken in for repairs.

April 1—Fire Alarm—Breakfast cooking set off the alarm at 2442 Tilghman.

April 1—Fire Alarm—Food set off the alarm in MacGregor.

April 2—Harassment—Two students in Prosser were referred to the Dean for harassment.

April 2—Injured Student—A student had respiratory problems in Shankweiler.

April 2—Harassment—Student on student harassment in 423 N. 23rd St.

April 2—Harassment—Two students were referred to the Dean for harassment in M.L.

April 2—Information—A portable phone was damaged.

April 2—Injured Student—A student injured her right index finger while playing basketball.

April 3—Stolen Property—A student's jacket was stolen either from Seegers Union or from the Sigma Phi Epsilon house. The jacket contained a wallet and keys.

Less Parking...

One space was eliminated on Chew St. outside Seegers Union.

...but more visibility

The view from the College Circle's exit is cleared up. Before, a driver would not have seen the approaching car if the parking space had not been eliminated.

The College has identified several spaces on Chew St. that it plans to elimnate in an effort to improve visibility. Visibility near the Seegers Union lot and Fraternity Drive have raised safety concerns.

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will have openings for next year. Individuals interested in being writers or editors next year are encouraged to email Jeff Baird [jbaird@hal] or Dave Sobotkin [dsobotki@hal].

With uncertain future, curriculum changes up for vote

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Committee wanted to produce a plan that would stir debate. DiQuinzio knows that there is not a consensus among faculty regarding major requirements, perspectives, and the curriculum.

"Some people think it should be strict, some [do] not. We wanted to create an interesting alternative to the current perspectives that's worth talking about. And we think this is an interesting alternative," DiQuinzio said.

She emphasizes that each faculty member has best intentions for students, and there are honest disagreements among faculty, with no intended "ill-will."

"There are so many competing goals for students," DiQuinzio said. "We want them to know everything. We love our subject matter, and want to teach it. But there are only so many hours in a day."

If the proposal was voted down, Professor Marjorie Hass said that the faculty would need to endorse the current curriculum requirements.

Majors have to follow the 9/12 rule when determining courses for that field of study—nine for non-interdisciplinary majors, and 12 for interdisciplinary.

The APC has proposed that all majors may require up to 13 courses, and no more than 10 of those may be from one academic area of field.

The same limit should be applied to all majors, and the number of courses should ensure that students are sufficiently studying their subject matter and developing understanding of the content and modes of inquiry in that field.

In developing the perspective requirements (in addition to major requirements), the APC evaluated the academic programs at other schools and held open forums for faculty to discuss possible changes.

DiQuinzio has devoted her three-year term on the Committee to this endeavor, and has realized, "There is no perfect curriculum."

The graduation requirements will still require six "Skills" courses, including two writing-concentrated courses (designated 'W'), a reasoning course (the current 'G'), oral expression, and two courses in foreign language. The ten current perspective courses required among the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Humanities would be changed to seven courses, in the areas of Foundations, Value Initiatives, and Applications. The "Foundations" courses will explore Representation and Interpretation, Social Inquiry and Analysis, and Scientific and Mathematical Inquiry and Analysis.

The "Value Initiative" courses focus on the analysis of Meaning and Value (moral, ethical, spiritual, and/or religious), Cultural Diversity and Difference, and Civic and Public Life.

The "Applications" requirement would ensure that the student took a "hands-on" approach to learning, outside of the classroom.

The APC also proposed "Focused Inquiry," which would require students to choose either a second major or minor in a different division of the curriculum, obtain teaching certification, or enroll in three related courses in a different division.

These new requirements, if approved, would involve a lot of restructuring and organization. The APC did not begin this process, because that responsibility falls on the Deans of the College.

Curtis Dretsch, Dean of Faculty, is very much behind the principles of the proposed changes, and realizes that it will require a lot of time and energy to implement the plan in order for students and faculty to benefit.

"It's a sufficient shift in approach that some people would be asked to change what they're doing, and some others would have to be brought in to make up for that change." He says that the demands for faculty and staff would be "extreme," but the College "can and should work with the principles in the proposal."

DiQuinzio agrees, "Some want to stay with the tried and true." But DiQuinzio said it would be good for faculty to develop new courses, and hopefully the excitement would filter out onto the students. "The primary benefit for students would be a little bit more freedom of choice."

The advising process each semester would also be more meticulous, an issue raised by Professor Joan Marx at the faculty meeting two weeks ago. "This will raise an advising nightmare," she said.

DiQuinzio maintains that indeed, advising would have to change. But it would be for the better. "[Faculty] will have to have a more intellectual conversation with students."

The basic question that guided the APC throughout the development of this proposal was how not to leave students saying they needed to take an art class, or a 'C,' simply because they must in order to graduate.

"The goal is to give students a range of responsible choices," said DiQuinzio. "How do we create a curriculum that will help students become engaged, and not be so didactic that we're following someone else's script?" The APC hopes this set of graduation requirements will allow the

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APRIL 25 – 6:30 – TRUMBOWER 130

At first meeting, council elects executive board and has first debate

Corresponding Secretary Seth Williams, Vice President Chris Titze, Treasurer Christina Coviello and Recording Secretary Robyn Duda at their first meeting of the new term. The executive board was chosen by a vote of all voting members of Council. Below, Council President Elias Saratovsky conducts his first meeting in his new position. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

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same time there should be some sort of order."

Toward that end, he kept debates tightly controlled and cut off discussion on two issues after the same points were being said several times.

The first debate of the season was on an issue carried over from last year: student participation.

Only 511 students (about a quarter of eligible voters) voted in the general election, a condition that troubled many Council members, but pleased others. While the number seems low, it is actually a healthy turnout for regular Council elections.

> *"It's sad that we take it so seriously and the rest of the student body doesn't."*
>
> Mat Wolfson

"I know our candidates take [elections] very seriously, but I don't think our school does," Tyler Holmberg, president of the freshman class, said. "We can either use [our] power to better the school or we can not use this power."

The entire campaign consisted of gathering 150 signatures and displaying posters and banners around campus. The candidates submitted platforms to the Dean of Students office and those platforms were available for students to review before voting.

"It's sad that we take it so seriously and the rest of the student body doesn't," Mat Wolfson, a freshman representative, said. He believes that a debate with candidates for a Council seat would "give [the student body] a reason to get involved."

"I just question how many people...would come out for the debates," Candace Riao, interim president of the junior class, said.

It would certainly have been a difficult task this season, with 27 candidates for 18 representative seats across the three classes.

"People feel like it's already decided," Theresa Leinker, a junior representative in her first term, said. "It's the same thing as in national elections—people vote when they think their vote is going to matter."

"I think that's like saying, 'Let's settle for not having anyone come out,'" Holmberg said.

The issue is one that Council has tackled all year. For its part, Council drew a large candidate pool this year, with 11 freshmen and 10 sophomores running for 6 positions in each class.

Saratovsky said before his election that the "biggest challenge is to actually show people at this school that Student Council does make a difference." He said then and at the meeting that the new Council's first order of business in this regard is to implement a constituency program, which will assign students a representative on Council based on the students' last names.

Council voted last term to put the proposal on the agenda of the next student body meeting as an amendment to its constitution. The amendment cannot be made unless it passes at the student body meeting, which is open to all students.

Following are the elected members of Student Council:

President
Elias Saratovsky

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Chris Titze
Corresponding Secretary
Seth Williams
Treasurer
Christina Coviello
Recording Secretary
Robyn Duda

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Amy D'Antonio, class of 2002; Jay Dombi, 2003; Tyler Holmberg, 2004.

Representatives

Class of 2002, Kristen DiLorenzo, Evan Karp, Theresa Leinker, Marah Ritchey.

Class of 2003, Ari Abramson, Brian Bentzen, Josh Brookstein, Josh Lebson, Steve Soroka.

Class of 2004, Meredith Hamson, Socorro Sampson, Michael Saratovsky, Andy Winkler, Mat Wolfson.

Class Council, 2002
Vice President, Candace Riao; Secretary, Carla Caggiano; Treasurer, Julie Goldberg.

Class Council, 2003
Vice President, Melissa Kubit; Secretary, Abby Bossert; Treasurer, Kristi Romig.

Class Council, 2004
Vice President, Mike Geller; Secretary, Catina Crismale; Treasurer, Amy Featherman.

Requirements changes

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students to think about what courses they want to take, and how they will all relate to an academic experience.

Dretsch supports the idea that the APC's proposal does not divide the requirements by discipline.

"I like very much the idea of modifying the perspectives requirements in the way that's described, which is to lower the total number of courses," he said.

To Dretsch, the goal of a liberal arts education is to provide breadth and diversity to the students' classroom experience.

With this new proposal, DiQuinzio does admit that breadth may be sacrificed but needed coherence will be added.

Recruitment for language majors a perpetual task

BY MATT MEYERS
Weekly Staff Writer

Across the country foreign language majors are at an all time low. Here, this is not the case, according to John Pearce, professor of Spanish and French.

Pearce has been teaching now for 31 years and has noticed no lack of students to fill the seats in his classes.

The fact is that the College does have a foreign language requirement, which supplies many of the students enrolled in those classes. But some of the less popular languages are bound to have a little trouble attracting students.

Russian is a good example of this. Luba Iskold, a professor of Russain, says, "Students are scared of talking a new language." Iskold went on to say: "When they see a different alphabet it turns them off...they don't realize that it can be learned in only a month."

Despite this difficulty, some say that things are looking up.

Over the past two years the number of students who have Russian as a major or a minor has been steadily increasing, with a current count of five students as majors and five minors.

Freshman Kelly Keiper, an Intermediate Level Russian student says, "The Russian program at Muhlenberg was an incentive as far as my attending. This way I didn't have to start a whole new language after five years of Russian in high school."

Recruiting is a difficult task for the entire foreign language department.

"We do not visit other educational institutions to recruit, we don't work with the admissions office either," says Iskold. She attends open houses for prospective students to inform them about the major.

Iskold is also working on a Web site to promote the program (which she says is expanding).

The course is becoming truly interdisciplinary offering coarse in literature, culture, history, politics and religion, though not each is offered all the time.

They have also formed a bond through The Russian Club, which has a Russian film series, and field trip to everywhere form Russian exhibits and shows, to restaurants.

As always, the state of the programs is never completely solid.

Changes in interest may signal a shift in programs in the future.

When asked about decisions on the possible cut of the Russian program, Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch stated, "Essentially, we try to minimize the decisions we make solely on the number of students that enroll."

Weekly life!

"Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans."

-John Lennon

Guster gallops across stage in Memorial Hall

Audience is captivated by upbeat tunes

life! *review*

By Emily E. Pannebaker
Editor-In-Chief

Red sports attire, chicken salad, and a bottle of Aquafina water. This is the first impression Muhlenbergers got of Guster drummer Brian Rosenworcel before his band performed their gig two Sundays ago.

He just finished a game of racquetball in Memorial Hall, and talked about Guster during his cool-down.

A few minutes before, his band mate Adam Gardner suffered from a sprained ankle playing the same game—he was whisked away to the hospital, and showed up on stage in crutches.

The College's Concert Board brought Guster to stage on Mar. 25, and provided the band with a crowd of Muhlenberg fans and local Guster lovers. By the time the show started, it was sold out.

The show was more intense than Muhlenberg big-band concerts in the past—the band has such a dedicated following of the teenage generation. Nobody came to see the band because of one hit, because everyone knew the words to every song. Rosenworcel's percussion kept Memorial Hall in constant movement—the whole crowd was dancing.

Guster began at the college level—they met at Tufts University on Orientation weekend in 1991. And just like many bands formed in College, Rosenworcel says, "We never had aspirations beyond Battle of the Bands." But they began playing with arena bands, like Dave Matthews, Ben Folds Five, and Barenaked Ladies, and consequently created a crowd of their own. "The arena bands' crowds were receptive to our attitude," he says. Now, the band can pick their own opening acts. "Headlining is different—it's more of [our] show."

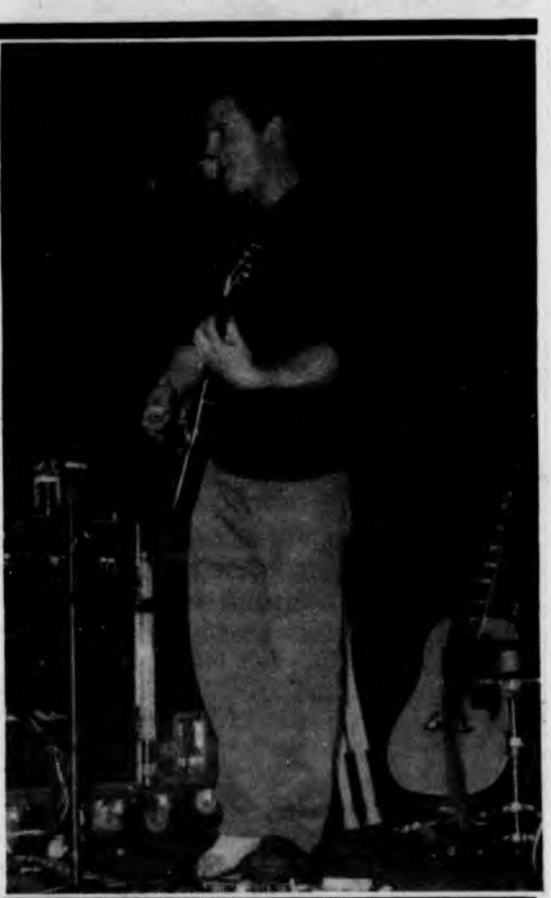
Jump Little Children opened the show

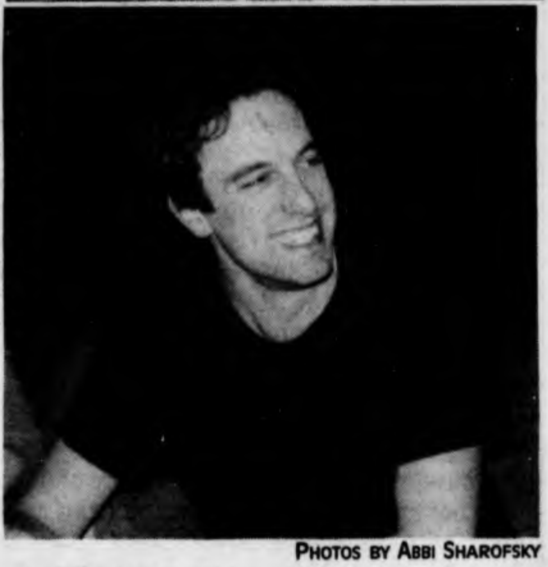
Jump Little Children opened for the band. Their lyrics were drier and not as passionate as Guster, but it set up the scene for an intimate and interactive performance, the band's first live show in months. Guster had along two surprise guests—sports mascots that got the audience to do the wave.

Guster began this year's tour on Muhlenberg's campus—their tour name even has Muhlenberg in its title. The band immediately liked the atmosphere of the school, all because their pet goldfish survived the water provided for it after getting off of the tour bus. "Muhlenberg passed the test," Rosenworcel said.

They debuted new songs in Memorial Hall, "Ramona Lisa" and "New Song #2," whose title has not yet been worked out yet. And Rosenworcel assured that he wasn't going to sing—he saves that for comic relief.

In opposition to what many of today's hot bands have said, Guster credits their rise in popularity to Napster. "Napster is the most beneficial thing to us," says Rosenworcel, and "it is brilliant and long overdue." He continued by saying that "Hopefully we'll make record labels more obsolete."





Photos by Abbi Sharofsky

Guster performs
Above: Adam Gardner
Below: Brian Rosenworcel

MITZVAH DAY

By Emily H. Gewitz
Production Editor

Muhlenberg's Hillel, in conjunction with several campus clubs and organizations, celebrated April Fool's Day by helping others. Organized by Hillel members such as Social Action Committee co-chair Mindy Katz, Mitzvah Day served as a chance for student s to give back to the Allentown community in many different ways.

These ways included anything from playing with kids, to beautifying a cemetery, to holding an elderly woman's hand.

"In the beginning, people were skeptical," Katz said,

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Christina Young and Katie Kohler play with children

Students create art projects with children from the 6th Street Shelter

Photos by Tom Amico

This week's pick:
King Britt Presents Sylk 130: Re-Members Only
Six Degrees Records
Check out if you like:
Digable Planets, Josh Wink, the eighties

By Stephanie Clarke

Yeah, it was inevitable. Feathered hair. Denim. Dorky, old school Nikes. Disco cool. Your formative years are back. The eighties comeback has resurfaced in some pretty interesting juxtapositions of style, with the exception of, maybe, Madonna. Old school hip-hop and R&B flavor seems to be the first word in cool for a lot of artists right now.

Putting a unique spin on the action is King Britt, who actually was a leading word in cool when the eighties were just about over. He was a DJ for influential hip-hop conglomerate Digable Planets (remember being "cool like dat"). As producer, DJ, and record label founder, King Britt offers up the second installment of a three-album trilogy with his project Sylk 130. The first album, called "When the Funk Hits the Fan," a funk-soul-flavored retreat to the soul of the 1970s presented as a mock film soundtrack gathered some agreeable reviews in 1998. This week, he releases a retrospective of the 1980s with "Re-Members Only." This time, the songs are presented like a phony radio station, WISH-130.

What makes his trip back to the Star Wars era unique is that instead of drawing obvious cues from the major players, Britt collects grooves from the more underground and offbeat, but influential artists of the day. A few of them show up on the album with Britt to revisit their sounds. Notably they include fellow scenesters out of Philadelphia like Grover Washington, Jr., and old-school Philly hip-hop producers like the former DJ Jazzy Jeff. R&B influences on Britt himself appear. The tracks move from slick R&B and jazzy vocals to old-school hip-hop beats to a progressive overlay of electronic experimentation. Variety is the first word with this album. The fictional WISH-130 is a far cry from the likes of 96.5fm The Point when it comes to eighties retrospectives. But that is how Britt claims to best describe the *real* eighties music period.

Britt says the album is not an attempt to piggyback the '80s revival or reminisce about his favorite music, but rather an effort to smash a few musical boundaries, both in blending genres and in joining black and white music. Britt says, "'...in the '80s, that's the way it was. Everyone was working with everyone.... Today, in music, everything is so separate; I wanted to show unity'" (CDnow.com).

King Britt plans to release the third of the trilogy in 2002, a personal view of the future of musical sounds.

Listen to King Britt and Sylk 130 this week on the audio version of Virgin Vinyl: Sunday 10 pm-midnight on WMUH 91.7 fm.

Correction

In the "Question of the Week" for Thursday, February 22, the captions for Ian Rose '04 and Karsten Grinderslev '02 were placed with the wrong photos. We apologize for our mistake.

Fallon fascinates crowd

life! on campus

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sonated the voices of John Travolta, Cliff from Cheers, Jerry Seinfeld, Nicholas Cage, Robin Williams, and Gilbert Godfrey in one bit called "Troll Auditions."

Students were humored by such comments as "What is the deal with this troll, it has a shirt, but no pants...what is the DEAL with that?"

Fallon performed from his portable carpeted stage in the middle of the hardwood floors of Memorial Hall. He welcomed a number of students to the carpet including Mr. Muhlenberg to do a Dr. Evil impression. In addition to Mr. Muhlenberg, Fallon noticed senior Frank Reheis going to the bleachers after the show had begun.

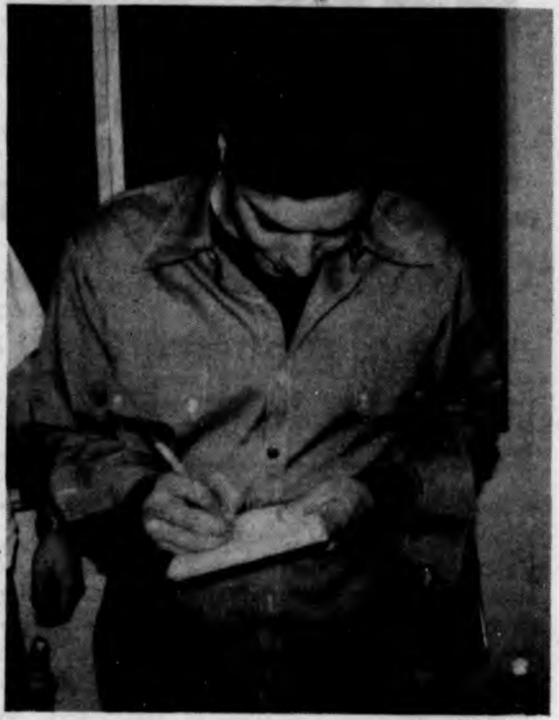
He made a number of comments with regards to his time in Allentown earlier that day. "I have already seen too much of Allentown," said Fallon. Fallon explained that he always orders some food from the town where he is performing. Fallon's food of choice was hot dogs at Yocco's.

At a point in his performance, Fallon, a computer science major in college, attempted to look for fellow computer science majors. "Any comp sci majors here," said Fallon. "That's a nerd check." Fallon relates well to computers through his SNL character, "Nick Burns, Your Company's Computer Guy."

Throughout his performance, Fallon related to students his views on college. Whether it was the incompatibility of roommates or the alcoholic practices, Fallon kept the students laughing for more than an hour. Fallon asked students about their favorite bars and watering holes. Some students clarified Fallon on his pronunciation of one bar. "Its not Chicken, it's the Chicken Lounge," said students. "Sounds so much better," Fallon replied.

Fallon used his musical talents to sing some jingles for the pink-haired troll on stage. Fallon parodied a number of songs from such bands as U2, 4 Non-Blondes, Counting Crows, REM, Fugees, Alanis Morisette, and George Michael. From Fallon's upcoming record, Fallon performed two songs, "Drinking in the Woods" and "Spring Break."

Following his performance, Fallon mentioned his work with Tina Fey, his co-anchor on SNL "Weekend Update." Fallon has future roles to add to his repertoire in a number of films, including "Band of Brothers" in addition to his past role in "Almost Famous."



Fallon is shown here performing and signing an autograph for a fan.

Easter Recess Shuttle Service

A free shuttle service to and from the Lehigh Valley International Airport, Allentown Bus Terminal (3^{rd} & Hamilton Streets), and the Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal (Wescosville) will be provided on Thursday, April 12 and Monday, April 16 to accommodate those traveling for Easter recess. The scheduled times are as follows:

Charcoal Drive-In Bus Terminal

Departs Center for the Arts on Thursday, April 12th
10:00 a.m., 11:30, 1:00 p.m., 2:30, 4:00, 5:30
Departs Charcoal Drive-In on Monday, April 16th
3:55 p.m., 5:25, 6:55, 8:25, 9:55

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Not just another Boy Band

By Melissa Carrelli
Weekly Staff Writer

Boy bands. They're cute, talented, charming, and their goal is to excite young teeny-boppers. Now you may or may not approve of the label "boy band," yet this title suits Graffiti Tribe well and has no inappropriate connotations.

The Garden Room was definitely the place to be Friday night. Those who went to the Graffiti Tribe performance during Parents Weekend know what these boys are about. The same goes for those of you who attended the A Cappella Fest two weekends ago. They originally started off as a sextet in the mid-90s. Currently there are four in the group who reside in Philadelphia and have been performing together for almost two years. The multi-racial singing quartet consists of good-looking guys in their 20s: a blonde, a brunette, an African-American and a Hispanic.

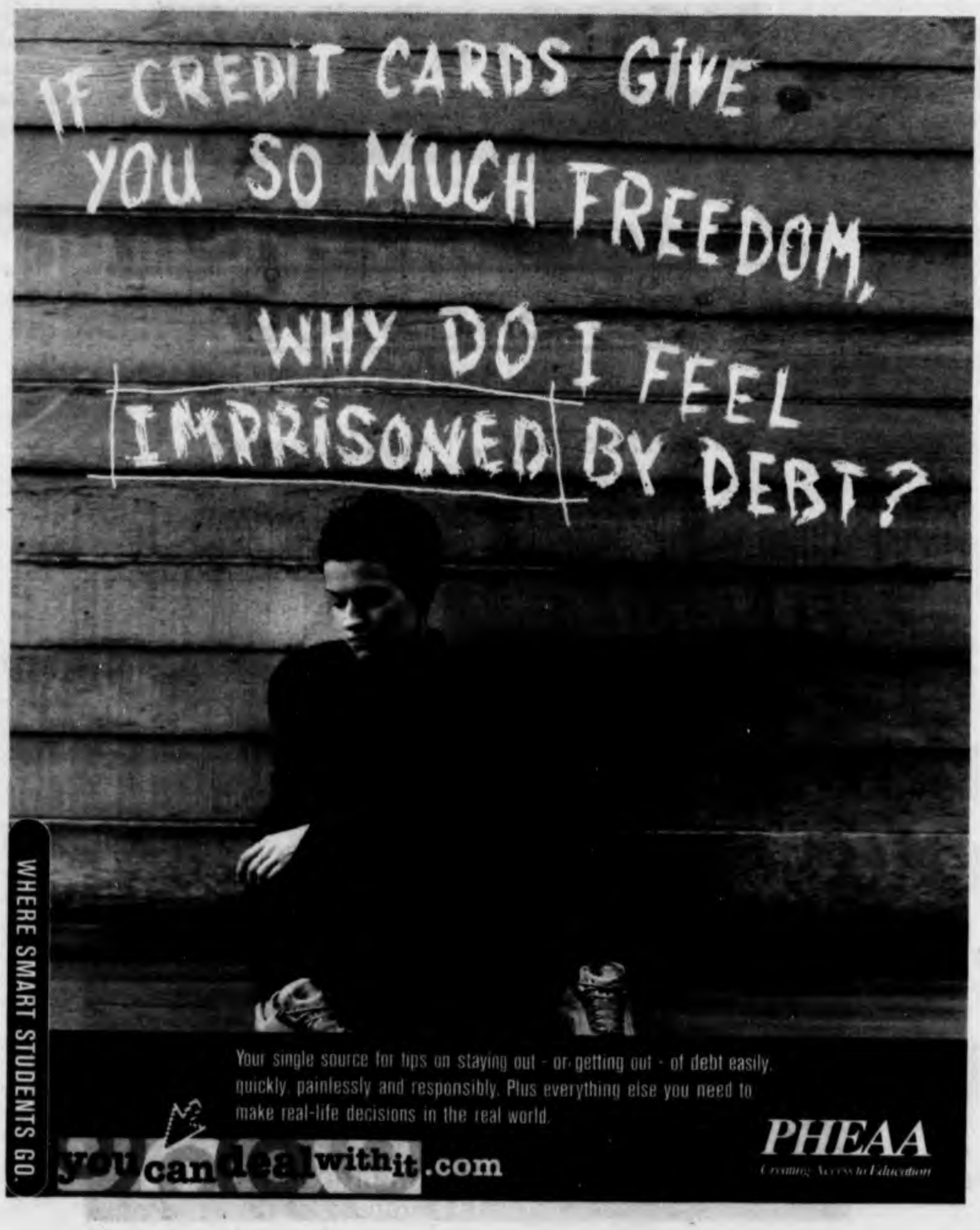
After a synthesized space - age introduction, the tastefully dressed and enthusiastic foursome rushed on to the "stage," (the upper level seating of the Garden Room) and started things off with one of their original songs complete with fancy dancing and acrobatics. They immediately revved up the audience with their upbeat singing and dancing and energetic anecdotes. After a few songs Dan Perkins (tenor), introduced the other members of the group: Marc Young (tenor), Richard Jordan (bass), and Tim Rosino (lead).

Their performance envoked visions of 98 Degrees, 'N SYNC, and Soul Decision Yet, Graffiti Tribe has a sound of their own that is unique from the other boy bands. The power and soul within their harmonious voices along with the bass and percussion sounds created by Jordan gave us a taste of their R&B and pop style. Their sweet and sultry sounds filled the room while girls giggled in excitement.

The combination of ballads and light-hearted pop songs showed the group's versatility and talent. They sang songs of their own as well as cover songs that they felt were appropriate for their performance. On lead vocals, Rosino, remarkably sounded like Stevie Wonder, when he sang a medley that consisted of "Superstition" and "I Wish." Perkins helped us to remember to keep the "Faith" by George Michael, and Young sang "With or Without You" by U2. It was the perfect list of R&B and pop songs for a college-aged audience.

Graffiti Tribe's wonderful talent, friendliness, enthusiasm, and liveliness completed a great performance. They definitely upgraded the label of "boy band."

The boys had such a great time performing; they even decided to hang out with some students after the show.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Women and men alike joined together for Women's Week. The group met in the Chapel to discuss experiences with assault and violence. To prove the solidarity and security and women's empowerment, they then marched outside with candles, led by the theme "Take Back the Night."

Mitzvah Day a success

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concerning the project in which over 300 students participated. "But I had faith in Muhelnberg's community service-oriented spirit. I'm so happy with the way our first year turned out-- and I have high hopes for the future of Mitzvah Day."

The Mitzvah Day project sites were as diverse as the projects themselves. Students went to the 6th St. Shelter, Manor Care (an old age home), St. Stephen's Church and Jewish Family Services. After all of their hard work was finished, the participants were treated to pizza, as well as a few inspiring words from speaker Scott Fried. In speaking about the importance of doing mitzvahs every day, Fried's message extended out to all students, regardless of religion. "I hope that those who heard Scott realize the importance of helping others on a daily basis," Katz said, who herself spoke about the success of Mitzvah Day, and her hopes that everyone will continue to do good acts, even after graduating from Muhlenberg. Mitzvah Day was made possible due to the generosity of many local and campus supporters, and a grant from the Soref Initiative.

life! movie listings

AMC Tilghman 8

Along Came a Spider
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:30; Sun.-1:40, 4:40, 8:10
Blow
Fri.-4:00, 7:20, 10:20; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:20; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 8:00
Pokemon 3
Fri.-5:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sat.-12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:45
Just Visiting
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 9:50; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:50; Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50
Someone Like You
Fri.-4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-1:30, 4:30, 8:10
Tomcats
Fri.-4:20, 8:00, 10:30; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 8:00, 10:30; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 8:15
Heartbreakers
Fri.-4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:00
Exit Wounds
Fri. and Sat.-7:50, 10:15
See Spot Run
Fri.-4:20; Sat. and Sun.-1:20, 4:20

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

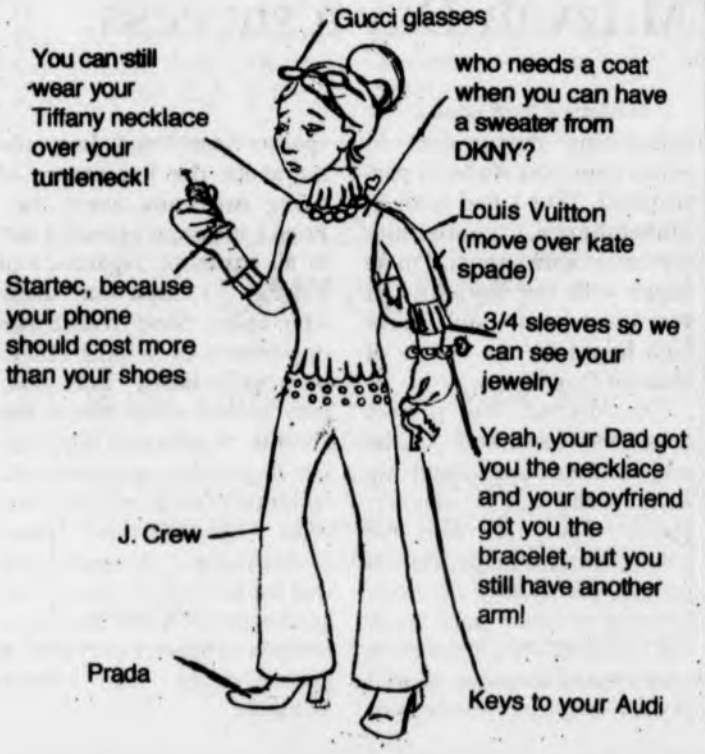
Pokemon 3
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:30, 2:40, 5:10, 7:25
Just Visiting
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:50, 3:10, 5:20, 7:40, 9:55
Along Came a Spider
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:30
Blow
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40
Tomcats
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:40, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
Spy Kids
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
Someone Like You
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:40, 4:30, 6:50, 9:10
Heartbreakers
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
Exit Wounds
Fri., Sat. and Sun.-9:35
Midnight movies, Fri. and Sat.-*Just Visiting, Along Came a Spider, Blow, Tomcats, Someone Like You, Heartbreakers, Exit Wounds*

Cinema Paradiso

Last Resort
Fri.-1:00, 3:45, 7:30, 9:15; Sat.-1:45, 3:45, 7:30, 9:15; Sun.-1:45, 3:45, 7:30
Pollock
Fri.-12:45, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sat.-1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45; Sun.-1:30, 4:15, 7:15
Chunhyang
Fri.-1:00, 7:00; Sat.-2:00, 7:00; Sun.-2:00, 7:00
Blow Dry
Fri.-4:30, 10:00; Sat.-4:30, 10:00; Sun.-4:30
House of Mirth
Fri.-12:45, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sat.-1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30; Sun.-1:15, 4:00, 6:45

Note from the artist: I've already explored this motif, I know, but some of you missed it the first time, and besides, styles change, So here it is again: the new, the improved:

Muhlenberg Survival Kit


Gucci glasses
You can still wear your Tiffany necklace over your turtleneck!
who needs a coat when you can have a sweater from DKNY?
Louis Vuitton (move over kate spade)
Startec, because your phone should cost more than your shoes
3/4 sleeves so we can see your jewelry
Yeah, your Dad got you the necklace and your boyfriend got you the bracelet, but you still have another arm!
J. Crew
Prada
Keys to your Audi

CREATIVE CORNER

"Procrastinator's Prayer" by Dan Russo

Deadlines,
Kill me!

Fill me
with dread
Burn me
like fire
Screech
like the tires on a hearse
until my ear drums burst
Hammer and nail
Beat me
until I fail
Make me weep
until I fall asleep
into a mirage of self-sabotage

Wake me
when my future is dim
when opportunity has lost
its limbs
and can't knock
Put my head on a block
and let the blade fly
Throw away my piece of
the pie
Rip me apart at the seams
Cash in my dreams
Come during long and
lonely nights
and pick fights with my
brain

Drive me insane
downhill, around curves
Spill my nerves on the
interior
Pass me by
And make me feel inferior
Steal the sweat from my
pores
Watch me sink like I have
before
See how I've returned for
more abuse
To my familiar noose
like an addict to his drug

Hug hard
so I can't breathe
until deliriousness
deceives
and logic leaves

Administer caffine injections
Mock my imperfections
with a clock
Be a thief of time
A sublime crime lord of tic
tocs
Rage against my inner law
Laugh as I fall
and vanish
Banished into the pit of
my stomach
Creamate the lessons I
won't learn
Lock them up tight in an
unholy urn

Arrest me
Roll me in mud
Digest me
Transform me from blood
divine
to red wine
Trap my will so I'm never
free

Deadlines,
Kill me!

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Horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries

Keep your eyes open this week because a good friend is going to need your help, but she will be too embarrassed to ask for it. This is the time to let your compassionate personality shine. However, if your friend is hesitant to talk to you be patient and they will eventually confide in you.

Taurus

You love to do things for your friends and your family, but you have been feeling really down lately. Instead of spending all of your time doing things for other people, try doing something for yourself once in a while.

Gemini

You are a very friendly person, but you often find that your inability to take criticism stands in the way of your ability to form new friendships. While criticism is often seen as a negative thing, it can be very beneficial. The next time someone criticizes you, think about what was said and evaluate whether or not it can benefit your character.

Cancer

As March winds down, you realize that you have no idea where you are going to work over the summer. Rather than panic, try finding a job that is related to what you want to do after graduation. Remember that you can't truly know if you like something if you don't ever experience it.

Leo

You and your roommate have been getting on each other's nerves lately, and you can't understand how this can happen when the two of you are such good friends. Most likely the excessive time the two of you spend together is the culprit for your recent problems. Therefore, try spending time with some different friends. This will definitely lessen the current tension between your roommate and yourself!

Virgo

You pride yourself on being a very independent person. However, it is important to remember that everyone needs help once in a while. While you may feel as if you can handle any problem that comes your way, you should try to confide in a friend who will be able to provide you with support when you are in need of it.

Libra

You have been experiencing some problems lately that seem unexplainable to you. When these things start to bring you down, try to remember the saying that all things happen for a reason. Following this belief will help you to successfully get through the tough times.

Scorpio

A situation is going to occur this week, which will require that you confront a close friend. However, your timid personality makes confrontation nearly impossible for you. Therefore, try to think about what you are going to say before hand so you will be less nervous, and so that you will be able to get your point across more easily.

Sagittarius

You have had your eye on a certain someone for quite some time and you are becoming frustrated because it does not seem as if they have taken notice to you yet. Rather than giving up, be patient because your crush has noticed you but they are just waiting for the right moment to approach you.

Capricorn

Don't take it personally that your best friend has been giving you the cold shoulder lately. Rather than getting angry, try to talk to this person and see what is going on. Most likely your friend is having some problems and is unsure of how to cope with them. Therefore, your concern will brighten your friend's day.

Aquarius

You have so many dreams about your future but when you try to talk about them with your friends they just laugh at you. Don't let your friends persuade you to stop dreaming, because it is through dreams that we learn what we really want in life!

Pisces

You love hanging out with your best friend who seems perfect, but your self-esteem always seems to bomb when you are together. Don't let jealousy ruin your friendship--look for positive things about yourself. Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses.

"Hot Ice" sizzles

By Rebekka C. Schnell
Assistant LIFE! Editor

"Hot Ice"--isn't that the show where everyone was naked? That comment has been heard frequently in response to the recent mainstage production performed from March 23 to April 1, 2001.

What did people actually know about "Hot Ice" before the show opened? The only definite facts were the director, Saladine Cannady, and the rating. The NC-17 rating caused a sea of misconceptions to develop. Imaginations were allowed to run wild regarding this show for a clear purpose. The purpose was to allow all the rumors to snowball so preconceived notions and expectations were made. Once this rumor mill was created, the publicity for the show placed the icing on the cake.

Promotional posters, with shots of the cast in provocative poses, specific dates and show times, were placed all over campus. These posters also displayed an interesting disclaimer. It read, "Hot Ice contains sexually explicit language, gestures, and situations. Youth (under 17) not admitted under ANY circumstances." With this added visual, the hype became more intensified and secured sold out performances.

After seeing the show, reactions were mixed. One audience member found the show to be "an oversexed adventure into the hopefully not so near future." Another member found it "hysterical and constantly entertaining; never a dull moment." Because the nature of experimental theater is supposed to be both confusing and overwhelming, reactions were varied. Often times in this production, there were character interactions that rapidly occurred at the same time.

Looking below the surface, the show is a political commentary on sexuality in modern times. The way to convey this commentary is to take every choice to the extreme in order to make an obvious impact on the audience. Whether the commentary was understood or not, each reaction was important because the piece was supposed to be controversial.

Despite all the rumors and hearsay, "Hot Ice" made the audience think.

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10:15 PM NATE PICKOWICZ
11:00 PM THE DONSON PROJECT
Midnight PANGAEA

Saturday, April 7
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Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott

NCAA – Duke won its third national championship Monday night on the final score of 82-72 over Arizona. Arizona only trailed by two points at the half, but Duke's Michael Dunleavy's three straight 3-pointers in 46 seconds in the second half gave them the momentum they needed. Arizona never managed to get closer than two points for the rest of the game. Dunleavy scored a total of 21 points.

NBA – The Charlotte Hornets beat the Boston Celtics 80-79 to put them within one win of a playoff berth. Charlotte got a hook shot from Elden Campbell with nine seconds left and Baron Davis blocked Boston's final shot to preserve the one point victory over the Celtics on Sunday.

Baseball – The Yankees won their season opener against the Kansas City Royals 7-3 on Monday. Pitcher Roger Clemens became the all-time American League strikeout leader with 3,509. He managed five strikeouts against the Royals, passing previous record holder Walter Johnson. Clemens, who has a record five Cy Young Awards, will end his career in Cooperstown, passing a record that stood as the major league mark from 1927-83, when Nolan Ryan broke it.

Track outruns, out throws, and out jumps at invitational

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

The Track and Field team traveled to nearby Desales University on Saturday, Mar. 24, only to crush them at their own invitational.

Freshman Tricia Yordy placed third in the 100 meters with a 13.82. Senior Katrina Beck took home second in the 400 meter hurdles. The Mules took fourth, fifth, and sixth in the 800 meters.

Senior Laura Roth placed first in the 1,500 meters with a 5:15.6. Sophomore Laura Garland placed second in the 3,000 meters with a 12:01.3 while Stephanie Melka took third with a 12:05. Beck also took first in the high jump with a 5-3 while Carolyn Orefice took third. Nancy Kegelman placed first and qualified for the ECAC's in the javelin. The 4x400-meter relay team also took first place.

For the men, Matt Bernardo took fifth in the 100 meters. Richard Kipp took third and Ben Phillips took fifth in the 400 meters. Matt Frye took fourth in the 400 meter hurdles with a 1:04.74. Will Elson took first with a seven-second margin in the 1,500 meters. Brian Cash placed fifth with a 4:25.1.

Last Saturday, the Mules traveled to Susquehanna for their invitational. Over 900 athletes from over 22 Division I, Division II, and Division III schools competed.

Beck placed first in the high jump, also qualifying for the NCAA's. Kegelman threw her way to fifth in the javelin, missing the school record by less than two inches. Katie Garrett placed fifth in the 3,000 meter with a 11:07.53. Melka became the first woman from Muhlenberg to ever run the 3,000 meter steeplechase.

Elson took first in the 800 meters with a 1:55.05, beating the second place finisher by over 2 seconds. Kipp placed ninth with a 1:59.22.

Sophomore Brendan Gallagher placed fourth in the 10,000 meters with a 32:17.46, smashing his own school record by more than a minute. "I was happy with my race this past Saturday," said Gallagher.

The 4x400 meter relay team placed fifth with a 3:23.88, also setting a school record. Junior Jason App vaulted his way to sixth place with a 13-2.

"I think that the team's performance the past two weekends has been greatly encouraging," expressed Gallagher. "We have a number of athletes who rank among the best in the league in their events and every one is competing very strongly right now. I'm looking forward to the rest of our season with great optimism."

Softball plays ten games in twelve days

Team is 8-11 overall and 1-1 in CC

By Cheryl Godfrey
Weekly Sports Writer

The softball team has played an exhausting 10 games in the last 12 days, compiling a record of 8-11 overall and 1-1 in the Centennial Conference.

The first two of these games were played against local rival Moravian College. The Mules lost both games 3-1.

During the first game, Muhlenberg and Moravian were tied at one to one until the sixth inning. Moravian scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Mules came up to bat in the seventh and placed runners on base. However, the team just couldn't capitalize on it. As Coach Ruth Gibbs relates, "we just couldn't seem to overcome Moravian. We couldn't get by them."

Following Moravian, the Mules played in the Montclair State/William Paterson Softball Classic during the weekend of the 24th and 25th. After winning against Ithaca 5-3, the team lost the next three by scores of 4-0 to Montclair State, 9-3 against Cortland State, and 6-3 to William Paterson. Coach Gibbs says that her team "had opportunities, but they left runners on."

During the weekend, Juniors Lori Blanchfield and Angie Tyson hit well against Ithaca, Blanchfield 2 for 4 and Tyson 2 for 3.

Sophomore right fielder Kelly Berg batted 3 for 3 against Montclair State. On Sunday, Freshman Jackie Maser hit 4 for 6 during the day while Freshman Becki Toth batted 2 for 3 against Paterson.

On Mar. 29, the Mules battled William Paterson again in a doubleheader. They lost 8-0 in the first and 1-0 in the second.

In their opening games at home this past weekend, the Mules faced Gettysburg College and split the doubleheader. Muhlenberg lost 4-1 in the first game, although they took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Freshman Nicole Sarno reached first base and stole second with one out. Toth then hit a texas leaguer (a short fly ball) right behind second base to score Sarno. However, Toth was stranded at second at the end of the inning.

Photo Courtesy of Sports Information

Junior Angie Tyson prepares to pitch the ball. She currently holds the record for the longest shutout- 10 innings.

During the third inning, Gettysburg scored their first run. The game remained tied 1-1 until the top of the sixth inning when Gettysburg scored 3 more runs. The first batter hit a line shot to right field, where it tipped off the glove of freshman Jamie Slivka, allowing for an inside the park home run. In the same inning, Gettysburg executed a squeeze play to score their third run. Freshman Danielle DeLucia then struck out the last batter of the inning.

In the second game of the day, Muhlenberg played a much tougher defense and again scored early. In the bottom of the first, Blanchfield made it to first as her third strike got by the catcher. Sarno placed a nice bunt to get herself on first while Blanchfield moved to second. Toth then came up to hit a triple over the left fielder's head. As another pass ball got past the catcher, Toth scored to make it 3-0.

Muhlenberg's final run was scored in the bottom of the third as Sophomore Missy Arnott hit a ball up the middle to score Sarno.

Golf hopes for NCAA's

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course.

The men's team has three matches in the upcoming week as they travel to Elizabethtown, Moravian, and Franklin & Marshall.

"We need to win every match," commented Berman. "Our goal is to make NCAA's and to do that, we need to win our matches, especially the Conference Championship." In order to qualify for the NCAA tournament the Mules must finish in the top three in the northeast region.

The women's golf team sent just two golfers to Dickinson to compete on March 28th, but both women finished in the top half of the 21 person draw.

Senior Jessica McCourt finished fourth overall but first among Division III golfers with her score of 93.

Junior Courtney Sessa finished eighth overall with a score of 100.

The women's Muhlenberg Invitational takes place at Lehigh Valley Country Club on Monday, Apr. 9.

During the last fall season finished second in their first ever home tournament, the Muhlenberg Fall Classic.

Men's tennis hopes to even out CC record

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play well together," says Richman. "When one of us is down, the other is always up."

Number three doubles also were winners as Fleissig and Barkauskas defeated their opponents by an 8-6 score.

In other action last week, the Mules defeated Lebanon Valley, a team that has advanced to the postseason in four of the last five years. The Mules won 4-3 in a very close game. The Mules lead the way in singles matches. Richman, Scheller, Parke, and Barkauskas were all victorious. Parke had to go to a second set tie-break against Tim Rabuck of the Dutchmen, but he held on for a win (6-3, 7-6, (7-4). Richman and Scheller were the only doubles winners for the Mules, but it was enough to give the Mules the one point victory.

Against Haverford, the Mules couldn't get it going and fell by a 6.5 to .5 score in their second Centennial Conference match.

The Mules prevented the shutout when Richman drew Peter Law 2-6, 6-2, 3-3 in number one singles and he and Scheller won in number one doubles.

Against Elizabethtown, the Mules dominated. They won five singles matches and all three doubles pairings. They could have shutout Elizabethtown had the number five singles match between Freshman Justin Fulton and Elizabethtown's Matt Lawless not been called because of darkness. The match was tied at one set apiece before it was called in the third set.

The Mules will have a chance to even up their Centennial Conference record with a win against Dickinson. Dickinson is fresh off its first win of the 2001 season, a 6-3 defeat of Penn State-Altoona this past Saturday.

Last season, the Mules had a fairly easy time with the Red Devils, defeating them 6-1. Richman, Scheller, Parke and Fleissig all were winners in both singles and doubles for the Mules.

With Moravian also on the horizon shortly, Richman still feels good about the team's chances in these next few matches. "We need to play well, but we should win these matches."

PHOTO BY SCOTT SWARTZ

Seniors Robby Richman and Brad Scheller beat F & M's Abdel-Misih and Emkey 8-6.

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Senior Adam Evans beat Drew's Julian Fuller 6-3, 6-3 on Monday.

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Club Profile

Women's Rugby prepares for next season with a young team

BY BRIAN TALBOTT
Sports Editor

Are women rugby players twice the "men" that football players are? Depends on whom you talk to. The women would certainly agree and so do insurance companies, who typically charge double the insurance for this vicious sport.

In a game that has many similarities to football, it is strangely different. The team is broken up into two basic groups. The "Pack" are the stronger players, while the "Back" are the faster players. The ball is bigger in size, although similar in shape, but players are not allowed to pass forwards. All passes must be made backwards. The only way to gain ground is by running.

When a team scores, it's called a "try." To score a try, the ball not only has to get past the end zone, or goal line, but it also has to actually touch the ground. When the ball gets knocked out of bounds, two lines are formed, one for each team. The person that is going to catch the ball is usually lifted up by the other players.

Like football, there is full tackling. However, there is one minor difference. The women don't wear any pads. The only protection comes from mouth guards and socks. The leggings are needed when the team plays on the football field to prevent turf burn. "We recently received scrum caps," explained Captain Anne Brown. "It doesn't provide much protection though. It's like strapping a pillow to your head."

"It's a very intimidating sport. There are so many rules and it's so physical," expressed Sophomore Tracy Mengel. Despite this though, they have added ten new players this year, for a total of 25. A little more than half the team are freshmen this year, making for a very young team.

"Pretty much everyone who plays on the team has never played before coming to Muhlenberg," stated Brown.

Rugby originated in England and has spread across the globe, infecting such countries as Australia, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland, and slowly the United States. It first started as a men's sport and still traditionally is, but acceptance of women in rugby is gaining. This past year, the US won the World Cup for the first time.

The team is now entering their eighth year at the College. Mike Giordano and Bruce Hill have volunteered as coaches since the team's beginning. Their experience with rugby is fairly extensive explained Mengel, "Mike has played on area teams. Bruce has played since he was kid."

The fall season is the primary season for the girls. They have made it to the playoffs twice for the past two years during the fall season. The spring season is not as competitive, as there are no playoffs or championships.

The team is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union. To be eligible for the playoffs during the fall season, the team has to be sure to play specific schools, such as Albright, St. Joseph, and Susquehanna. During the spring the women play against area Division III schools, including Gettysburg and Lafayette. Millersville was the first Division II school they have played against.

"No one team dominates at all. Even though both teams are aggressive on the field, after the game it's a tradition to get together and sing songs and just hang out. Rugby really has it's own subculture," expressed Mengel. "No one really knows this team exists, but once they do, they love it."

Each season typically has between four and five games. Their fall record was 4-1. So far this season, the team is 1-1-1.

For the first time ever, a men's rugby team will start at Muhlenberg. The team will officially begin next year with scrimmages. The following year, the men's team is going to start actual games. "We are pretty good friends with the guys team. We hope to have some double-headers next year," said Mengel.

The women's rugby team is a very close-knit team, despite all the viciousness and animosity they carry. Brown shared, "Rugby is the closest team I've ever been on. We're really tight."

"Rugby is a different mind set. It's cool to be the mean ones on campus," shared Mengel. "There's nothing a girl loves more than to spill another girl's blood."

PHOTO BY EVAN JAFFEE

Both teams line up to catch a ball about to be thrown back in bounds.

Profile of a Mule

Kerri Waldowski excels in tennis despite many setbacks

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Kerri Waldowski has been playing tennis since the time she learned to walk. Through the early influence of her parents and brother, tennis has become a sport that Waldowksi can't get enough of and continually finds success in.

She has always been at somewhat of a disadvantage in the sport of tennis. She never took any lessons or belonged to an organized team. Her knowledge of the sport relied heavily upon what her family taught her and what she learned through personal experience.

Throughout high school she was an active soccer player and also enjoyed golf. Her school did not have a tennis team, so she focused on these two other sports. When applying to colleges, Muhlenberg was very attractive to her as a Division III school where she could put a lot of effort into both schoolwork and sports.

She began playing both tennis and soccer at Muhlenberg, later realizing that she wanted to concentrate solely on tennis. "I wanted to devote myself completely to the sport, so I made my decision," said Waldowski. With more free time, she was able to concentrate solely on tennis.

During her freshman year, Waldowski began at the seventh spot. Since there are only six spots on the ladder, she knew she'd have to work twice as hard. She gave it her all and made it to the third spot by the end of the year. She looks back on her freshman year and says, "I did really well then and I was very proud of myself. I broke a record which I was happy with and overall had a great season."

Her success continued throughout her sophomore year. Waldowski expressed, "I was playing in the number one spot that year. I played well but it was really hard. I was competing against girls who had been playing their entire life and I hadn't been." Despite this setback, her season proved to be an excellent one.

However, a problem arose during her junior year. Waldowski broke her ankle during her fourth match at Haverford. She was out for a good part of the season, but with a great deal of rehabilitation and training, she started playing doubles again. She also adds, "At the end, I was able to play singles for a little while. It was great to be back. My injury really broke my heart."

Now that Waldowski is in her last year, she's made a commitment to herself to give the sport her all. "This is my last year here and I want to put everything I have into it." She has been able to do so with the unique position she has found herself in. Waldowski is a member of the team, co-captain, and acts as somewhat of a coach as well. Her coach, Bill Adams, has many responsibilities such as instructing the men's tennis team and working as the director of the Adams International Tennis Academy in East Allentown. Because of these commitments, Waldowski and co-captain, Jennifer Chung, have stepped up to undertake positions of leadership.

Waldowski finds herself putting in various added efforts throughout the season. These include planning practice and helping to instruct the new talented group of girls who have just joined the team. Waldowski enjoys the position she is in and says that this year the team "really has it together. Everyone is serious and working very hard, and it has really paid off."

The quality of the team this year is at the highest it has ever been since Waldowski joined the team. "There are so many really great additions to the team. We have had a lot of talented freshmen come in and also a junior who has been great. Most people think of tennis as an individual sport, but it's really not. It truly is a team sport where we all work together and support each other. I'm very excited for the rest of our season."

Thus far, the team is 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Centennial Conference. Waldowksi emphasizes that the women are "performing very well in the Conference and fighting for a top spot."

Waldowski's optimism clearly influences her teammates to do well and also helps to keep herself strong. "I love sports. They come very natural to me. In tennis, my best weapon isn't necessarily my serve, but I do want every ball and work hard to get it and that is what helps me."

Although Waldowski doesn't have much free time outside of tennis, she still manages to be involved in a lot. She is a member of the Delta Zeta sorority, She is also a member of a national leadership society, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee. She is an English major and business minor.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

Women's tennis beat Haverford on Tuesday, Mar. 27, by a narrow 5-4. Freshman No. 1 Mackenzie Parke survived a marathon tiebreaker to topple the defending Centennial Conference singles champion as the Mules defeated Haverford for the first time since 1992. After winning the first set, Parke lost the second on a 14-12 tie breaker, but came back to take the third set. Freshman Megan Schreiber also won in the third set after losing a second-set tiebreaker at No. 6.

On Thursday, Mar. 29, the team beat Dickinson 7½-1½. Junior Jennifer Chung and Parke, and Sarah Niebler and Megan Schreiber were double winners as Muhlenberg improved to 3-1 in the Centennial Conference, matching its CC win total from all of last season.

The Mules cleaned up on Saturday, Mar. 31. They beat Kutztown 8-1 and East Stroudsburg 9-0. The Mules won all but one match in sweeping their nearby Division II rivals to exceed their total of four wins from all of last spring. Senior Kerri Waldowski and Schreiber each lost only one game in four singles sets on the day, while senior Marissa Lutzer came back after dropping the first set to win in three against Kutztown. Junior Jennifer Chung improved her team-best singles mark to 6-1 with a pair of straight-set wins. Muhlenberg dominated singles play in the East Stroudsburg match, losing only five games.

On Tuesday, Apr. 3, the Mules beat Montela State 9-0. They swept all their singles and doubles matches.

Women's lacrosse plays 3 games decided by no more than one point

By Brian Talbott
Sports Editor

The women's lacrosse team has been going through fairly tough times recently, losing four out of the last five games.

The team traveled to Washington (Md.) on Thursday, Mar. 22. Sophomore Theresa Lunardi lead the team with 3 goals, but it wasn't enough. The Mules lost 4-10. Senior Miruna Lovin's 28 game, record-setting, scoring streak was destroyed.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, the Mules played a heart wrenching game against Dickinson. The Mules lost by only one point, 13-14. The game was tied 12-12 with six minutes left on the clock, but Dickinson went on to score two more goals. Lunardi managed one more goal with 51 seconds left, but the game ended there.

The Mules broke their four game losing streak on Tuesday, Mar. 27 against Haverford, beating them 15-14. Lovin scored six goals, Lunardi 3, and Sophomore Lynsey Caldwell 3.

On Mar. 29, the team traveled to Ursinus, ranked #6 in the Centennial Conference, only to be beaten 8-19. Lovin scored 4 goals while Lunardi scored 3.

The Mules lost one more time against East Stroudsburg on Monday, Apr. 2. The team managed to score the final five goals of the game, but just couldn't catch up. Sophomore Sarah Bowman scored 3 goals.

Lovin currently has a the record for goals (9) and points (11) in a game. She has tied the record for most points in a season with 60.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Sophomore Sarah Bowman sets up the offense as she prepares to pass the ball.

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Baseball defeats Desales for first time since 1990

Team is 2-3 in Centennial Conference

By Michael Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

Senior Tim Haberbusch pitched eight innings and gave up two runs as the men's baseball team defeated Wilkes 7-0 on Tuesday, March 20. Sophomore Kevin Komeshek relieved Haberbusch in the ninth inning to complete the team's first shutout since 1993. The Mules scored four runs in the sixth inning putting the game away for good.

The Mules lost a wild game to Scranton by the score 11-10 on Saturday, March 24. Trailing 10-6, the Mules tied the score with four runs in the sixth on a two-run triple by Senior David Wolf and a two-run inside-the-park home run by Sophomore Justin Graf. However, Scranton countered back with the winning run in the seventh inning.

Going into Conference play against Haverford, the Mules had eight losses and seven wins. The Mules pounded Haverford 9-3 on Wednesday, March 28. Junior Joshua Carter was the star of the game as he belted an inside the park grand slam and pitched eight innings, giving up only three hits and striking out a career high eight batters.

The next day, the baseball team continued their winning ways as they faced Desales, ranked sixth in the Mid-Atlantic region. Down 4-3 in the fifth inning, the Mules captured the lead in the seventh inning off of an RBI single by Senior Michael Cirillo. The Mules scored twice more in the seventh inning and added four insurance runs in the eighth to run away with the game. This is the first time since 1990 that the Mules have won against Desales.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

Junior Josh Carter pitches the ball.

The Mules faced Western Maryland in their first Centennial Double-header of this season. However, they got swept as Muhlenberg lost both games by a total of three runs, on Saturday, March 31

The Mules continued their losing streak on Monday, losing to Haverford 13-7. They tied the game at the top of the fourth inning to make the score 5-5. Haverford mounted an attack at the bottom of the fourth which the Mules could not come back from, scoring four runs to make the score 9-5. The Mules scored their final two runs in the sixth inning.

The Mules ended their three game losing streak as they won a 9-3 game against Centennial Conference rival, Swarthmore improving their record to 9-12.

Senior Paul Luongo pitched eight innings and gave up three runs. Ryan White closed out the game with a perfect 1-2-3 inning.

Swarthmore scored its three runs in the first couple innings. In the second inning, Swarthmore was leading 2-1. The Mules tied the game off a sacrifice fly by Senior Garrett Pachtinger at the top of the third inning.

Freshman Joel Rush credited Luongo the save. "Our offense was slow, Paul was the one that kept us in the game."

Although the team never trailed, their offense was sluggish until the seventh inning when Pachtinger opened up the game with a triple, bringing in two runs.

Pachtinger said, "Paul pitched a great game in eight innings. Ryan closed it out. The pitching was excellent. Offensively, we started off slow, but a couple guys had clutch hits when we needed them to secure the game."

Junior Mike Morris spoke on behalf of the team when he said, "This was a good win. We needed a win after losing three games in a row."

Men's Tennis nets first CC victory

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

After two unsuccessful tries, the Mules were able to claim their first Centennial Conference victory of the season with a win over Franklin and Marshall.

The 5-2 win over the Diplomats ended the Mules' two match losing streak in the Conference and followed two early season losses to Conference foes, Johns Hopkins and Haverford.

"It was a huge win for us," said Senior Robby Richman about the victory over Franklin and Marshall. "It gave us a big confidence boost."

The Mules have won the last three matches between the two teams, but Franklin and Marshall still holds a 40-7 record over the Mules all-time.

The Mules were dominant in both singles and doubles against the Diplomats. In singles, they won four of six matches. Sophomores Brad Scheller, Cameron Parke and Matt Fleissig, and Freshman Brian Barkauskas were all singles winners.

After falling in the first set (3-6) in number two singles to Steve Emkey, Scheller was able to come back and win the final two sets of his match 6-3, 6-2. At number four singles, Fleissig had a close match against the Diplomats' Nitin Kumar. The match went to a tiebraker in both sets, but Fleissig was the winner in both (7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-3)).

The Mules also won two out of the three doubles matches. Richman and Scheller remain undefeated for the spring with a victory in number one doubles. The dynamic duo defeated Rami Abdel-Misih and Emkey of the Diplomats 8-6 to improve their record to 6-0. "We have great communication and

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Golf begins season with a good drive

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Both the men's and women's golf teams teed off their regular spring seasons last week. The men began over Spring Break in Florida and the women began their season by sending two golfers to the Dickinson Invitational on March 28th.

In their match in Northwood, Florida, the Mules were ahead of three teams after the first day of competition, but wavered the second day, causing them to finish last in the standings. The Mules recovered upon returning home and finished a strong second in the Susquehanna Tournament last week.

Senior Matt Berman shot a 70, making this the first time in over six years that any Mule golfer has shot par. Berman said he was "extremely honored" to shoot par. He won medallist honors by five strokes and led the Mules to their second place finish in the tournament.

The tournament, which had already been postponed one day due to inclement weather, featured heavy wind gusts, but the Mule golfers adjusted and finished just seven strokes behind Susquehanna on the Crusaders' home

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George Benjamin talks with a prospective family at "Through the Red Doors" Saturday. PHOTO BY JOSEPH TRENTACOSTE

Hundreds of families pack campus for 'Red Doors'

Class of 525 to 550 expected

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

The College hosted its annual Through the Red Doors open house for accepted high school seniors Saturday, drawing a crowd of 236 students—many making their final decisions before the May 1 deadline for final deposits.

Attendance at this year's Red Doors event was lower than last year's attendance—but the College accepted fewer students under regular decision. It also accepted more students under early decision; those students "didn't need that additional visit" Dina Kovats-Bernat, an assistant director of admission, said.

The College accepted 300 students, over half of its target, through early decision applications and posted a 35 percent acceptance rate, compared with last year's 44 percent.

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College reverses housing policy; seniors may stay

The College will not force its seniors to move out for four days, alleviating a scare that had infuriated College seniors and set the campus into an outrage.

At the last minute, the College also pushed back the move-out deadline from Sunday, May 20 at 8:00 p.m. until the following day.

"For seniors, they will be allowed to remain in their campus housing until Monday, May 21," Rudy Ehrenberg, Dean of Students said Wednesday. The remainder of the policies for senior week will be as they were last year. Seniors, though the official housing contract says they must be out after their last final exams, will be allowed to stay in their housing, as will students that aid in graduation ceremonies.

The new information comes after a week of misinformation that spread like wildfire from Monday night through Wednesday morning. Starting Monday night, housing officials told their residents that all seniors would have to move all their belongings out from May 12 to May 16 and would have to bring only one suitcase back for the entire duration of Senior Week. This was false. The College early this week intended to vacate all housing of students for the four days between May 12 and May 16, but students successfully lobbied College officials into relaxing the policy.

The Muhlenberg Weekly, which went to press Tuesday night and covered the original policy, is damaged this week. The original article was to be continued on page 5 and that page is now advertising.

We have kept the editorial on page 2 for two reasons: 1.) to remove the page 2 editorial would delay publication of the paper further and 2.) it accurately reflects the outrage that was engendered by the senior class and the student body on Tuesday. Please consider this when reading our page 2 editorial. A revised editorial and a more complete article will be available on the web. *www.muhlenbergweekly.com*

Greeks put their lives on hold for annual competition

Greek Week Standings

Fraternities

TKE	81
ΔΤΔ	76
ΑΕΠ	76
ΦΚΤ	53
ΣΦΕ	53

Sororities

ΑΧΩ	73
ΔΖ	70
ΦΣΣ	49
ΦΜ	31

Final Greek Week standings will be available on www.muhlenbergweekly.com this weekend.

BY JOSEPH M. TRENTACOSTE
Managing Editor

Fraternity and sorority members squared off in contests of skill, strength and song as Greek Week descended upon the College this past week.

Greek Week, the annual tournament of contests that close each school year, is considered by some to be the ultimate test of brotherhood or sisterhood. The winning organizations receive trophies and, more importantly, bragging rights for the entire year.

The men's Week consists of 14 events, including softball, ultimate Frisbee, billiards and foosball. The five fraternities play using a seeded bracket system; the four sororities square off in a round robin competition in similar events, with some differences such as soccer and basketball.

The fraternity events are scored on a set number of points: 11 for the winners, and 8-5-3-1 for each successive place. The sororities use a similar point system, awarding fixed points (10-7-4-1) to placing teams.

The level of competition is as high as any professional or organized sports event, and in some cases, the intensity gets to be too much for the participants.

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Tennis wins

The men's tennis team secured its sixth consecutive Centennial Conference win with its victory over Western Maryland Sunday. Robby Richman secured his 80th win. Page 16.

Long struggle for online voting ends

BY LINDSEY ASPINALL
Weekly Staff Writer

Online voting was successfully utilized for the election of the People's Choice Award, given at the Henry Award ceremony this past Saturday. Students had the opportunity to vote on four different awards using computers placed in the lobby of Seegers. Because of the success of this process, online voting may now be used for upcoming Student Council elections, specifically, the freshman elections in the fall.

Internet voting was available for the Henry Awards.
PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

In the past, there have been problems with the counting system of online voting. Because these problems have been fixed, the voting process ran with only minor glitches last week. According to Steve Dimirsky, former senior class representative, and the student involved in the online voting process, there were a few privacy issues that caused

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THE COLLEGE HAS CONTINUED IN ITS TREND OF WRESTING control and freedom from students and taking it erroneously for itself. The latest developments with regard to Senior Week can only be a sign that the College no longer trusts its students to behave themselves; it has placed administrative convenience ahead of the real and human concerns of its students; and it has sprung the news upon the senior class merely weeks before they have to find a bed to sleep in for four days. Mere hours after College President Arthur Taylor opined that we have redefined ourselves as the "caring college," administrators showed exactly how caring they are when they took seniors' last week of freedom and chopped it in half.

To understand exactly how caring.and student-focused this decision was, it's important to consider the following:
1) The decision to enforce the rules was made the day after the trustees left campus; 2) The school has given seniors less than three weeks notice that the longstanding non-enforcement tactic--a tactic that worked just fine in the past--would not again return; 3) College officials are masking how entirely unnecessary these regulations are by saying that anyone with a legitimate reason that "makes sense" is allowed to stay on campus. For crying out loud, if anyone that has an excuse to be here can stay, why in the world can't the rest of the seniors!

We can almost understand why the College wants all its students off campus. But we cannot understand why the school could do it last year or why a very few disruptions last year cause this year's seniors to lose half of their week.

We suggest that students stay on campus, prepared to leave, and force the College to enforce its own rules. We think that making the College literally go into MILE houses and fraternity houses and dorm buildings would be a prudent lesson. We suggest that College officials call the housing offices, as we did, in the long list of other schools that let their seniors stay on campus before graduation. Perhaps those conversations will shed light on how other schools get around the "inconveniences" of having their, shall we say, "surrogate sons and surrogate daughters" stick around before they graduate.

It would be encouraging if our school was able to be the most accommodating of area schools. It would be encouraging if we could have faith that we are welcome here as if in a second home--to the extent possible and reasonable. It would also be encouraging if the obvious student outrage (nearly everyone is completely against the way the College is handling things) had an effect on the policy for next year. Though we have some serious problems with administrators these days, we remain hopeful that next year not only will the College not surprise us with its senior week policies, but that those policies are better and more accommodating than every area school.

We will be watching for leaps of improvements next year.

Letter to The Editor

To the Editor:

The end of another academic year will be here before we know it. During finals, as in the past, you will be able to bring your books back to the Bookstore to sell. I am sad to report that there are some students--as always, a small minority--who come to me with books that belong to someone else. Last semester there were numerous incidents involving books stolen from fellow students. Most, but not all, were caught, and the books returned to the rightful owner.

These thefts are disturbing on many levels. I cannot imagine a worse time to be without a textbook than when you are preparing for final exams. That, coupled with the stress that comes with it, is the last thing you need at this time of the year. There is also the matter of financial loss-something else you should not have to deal with.

The 'Berg Bookshop is committed to doing everything in our power to prevent this from happening. Starting this semester, we will not accept used books without proper ID. We also reserve the right to verify enrollment in the class for which the book you are presenting was required. These additional steps cause us additional work, and may cause you to wait in line a bit longer, but the end definitely justifies the means.

There are also steps you can take to help us combat this problem:

- First, I strongly recommend that you mark your textbooks in some way that will identify it as yours. The obvious choice is to put your name in it. Some students mark a particular page in all of their books. Anything that will positively identify it as yours will work.
- Secondly, if one of your texts is missing, report it to the Bookstore and to Campus Safety immediately. The success we had last semester in recovering stolen books was due to our being made aware as soon as possible. The Bookstore will be working closely with Campus Safety to prevent these incidents. Anyone who is found to be in possession of stolen textbooks will be dealt with in accordance with the College's Social Code.

Tom Miller
Manager, 'Berg Bookshop

FROM THE SOAPBOX

PRISCILLA BEGIN

Meditations on Mitzvah

How often does a writer critical of the American consumer, capitalist society ever have the opportunity to find something truly positive to rant about? Determined to stray from the usual social commentary, I decided to write an optimistic piece, in the spirit of spring. Searching endlessly through the piles of newspapers and scouring the on-line news sources provided no end to the quest for a genuinely positive article. Frustrated and about to embark on another criticism of American values, the answer appeared in the form of a bright orange T-shirt.

Not since the Sean Cunningham volleyball tournament...has this kind of attitude been prevalent on campus.

Earlier this month Muhlenberg students gathered together on a day traditionally known for practical jokes to provide valuable community service to areas throughout Allentown. Mitzvah Day, held on April first, united students and the community in a way not familiar to either party. Students from over forty campus clubs and organizations donated a few hours of their time early one weekend afternoon in order to baby-sit little children, aid the elderly, clean a graveyard and make mitzvah baskets for Jewish families.

One especially gratifying Mitzvah Day event was picking up trash on the riverbanks behind the Wastewater Treatment Facility in Allentown. Now, before the entire campus jumps on a bus to join the thirty or so of us who volunteered for this job, some explanations must be provided as to why this experience was so rewarding. Pulling up to a field of brown grass, where the air was tinged with the smell of sewage, in bright orange shirts and carrying metal tongs for picking up garbage; the volunteers felt more like a band of convicts than college students. Jumping off the big yellow school bus, few were lively enough to look forward to the job ahead.

As the students approached the river bank, the enormity of the task served only to energize the volunteers, who spread out along the entire bank, picking up garbage and recycling the old bottles, cans and tires that adorned the area. By the end of the small amount of time allotted for this task, an assortment of trash, ranging from an old kiddie pool, to area rugs and refrigerators were removed from the banks. Tired, dirty and endowed with a bit of humility, the students expressed a regret for the lack of time and hopped back on the yellow bus for the more silent and pensive ride back to school.

The point of this trip back to

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On loving Muhlenberg

Nadine Gorelik
Guest Weekly Columnist

I love Muhlenberg. Muhlenberg's a family. Arthur Taylor was so right. This is not some sort of hype from the Admissions Office; this isn't something I am writing as a joke, to impress somebody or to make a plea for some financial aid. (Though a monetary gesture would be very welcome... certainly my address is on file). This is me being vulnerable with you, the fellow members of my family. This is me, from the gut, straight up and uncomplicated as toast and eggs on a lazy summer Sunday.

Just what does it mean to love our family? Loving Muhlenberg means that you feel willing, if not morally obligated, to put your sweat and mental energy into maintaining and improving it. It means you recognize that your tenure here is an incredible privilege, not something to which you are entitled. You could just as easily have spent your four years masquerading as a bar code, as number 79401 or maybe 88652, wandering from one thousand-seated lecture hall (yes, they DO exist) to the next. Loving Muhlenberg means that you appreciate it enough to know that your tuition check is insufficient homage-- that you must show your affection, unabashedly and often, in a host of other ways.

This does not mean, necessarily, that you should hug the statue of General Pete each morning on your way to class, or that you must volunteer to help unload the dirty trays from the soapy Garden Room conveyor belt. What it means instead is that you must feel tired. If you find yourself crawling into bed each night with limbs that are unexhausted or a mind that is well at ease with the state of things, you aren't working hard for Muhlenberg. It doesn't count to be tired from partying or tired from too much television, or even to be tired from studying. If you are talking about loving Muhlenberg, it counts only to be tired from working on some cause or project which you've undertaken of your own volition.

I've seen too many people transfer out of here in search of larger schools with bigger names and far less love, bitter with the belief that Muhlenberg didn't do all it had promised in brochures. This is a dangerous sort of thinking, the viewing of oneself as a metaphoric ball of yarn which the

Mules, community and Mitzvah Day

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Mitzvah Day is not to lecture people for not throwing away their trash or neglecting to recycle their bottles and cans, but to wonder how to accomplish this type of campus-wide service and involvement more often. Not since the Sean Cunningham volleyball tournament last year has this kind of attitude been prevalent on campus. It is often the case that when a service type action is undertaken, this project is in response to a negative event, instead of proactive, as Mitzvah Day was. Cleaning up a graveyard, helping the elderly, baby-sitting little children, all are selfless activities and community involvement that this campus starves to see more of.

On Mitzvah Day and in its wake, I can completely and honestly say that I am proud to be a Muhlenberg student. The amount of time dedicated to conducting these activities has no bearing on their meaning to those who were affected. The elderly people, children and organisms that live in the river thank those who helped, this sense of accomplishment and pride is what drives people to perform community service. I am thrilled to be able to commend the Mitzvah Day organizers and Muhlenberg students for an amazing day of service. All I can say... keep up the good work.

Make the most of it

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world may bat between its paws in some misguided power trip. No, you are instead a weaver who has all the power in the world to change injustices of every size. Wrap your threads around what matters, do not let go until somebody listens whom you didn't think would ever hear. Let there be a tapestry that extends beyond your time here.

Enough with apathy. There will be no tapestry if you haven't worked, and if you haven't been tired from working, you have not been pulling your weight in the Muhlenberg family. Curiosity never killed the cat; it was complacency that took its toll. Get moving now. Get out there on the front lines. Do your share, whatever way you can. Take deep breaths, and think embarrassingly big. Frat parties are so missable, and television's hollow. These years pass quickly. Remember always: professors make amazing friends.

But some of you are asking still: why must one feel love for Muhlenberg? The best way I can understand it now is this: because without Her, you would never be the same. She is your roots, and She has privileged you. The good, the bad, the volumes in-between--I needn't tell you that these things are formative, that they are all a part of being in a family.

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Weekly Discourse:

A report on the effects of drugs

David M. Sobotkin
Op/Ed Editor

The current views held by the various agencies who are given the task of reducing the drug problem in the U.S. can be viewed as little more than asinine and antithetical to common sense. The budget for the 2002 fiscal year illustrates the current outlook falling deeper into this backwards and ineffective approach to victory in the drug war.

A substantial rethinking viz. strategy will be necessary for a victory in the war on drugs.

It appears that the U.S. government has developed a substantial addiction to a supply-side approach. This growing dependence on border patrols, drug interdiction and law enforcement has begun to dominate the everyday psyche of those working tirelessly to win the war on drugs. With every large "bust" comes the need to top the high that the government receives from each multi-million dollar seizure, when calculated for street-value. Indeed, this constant and vigorous pursuit of interdiction increases the government's addiction. With every large confiscation and interception, this supply-side stratagem is reinforced. Why, then, are drug use/abuse and drug-related crimes either remain stagnant or on the rise, depending on jurisdiction? As in life, withdrawal is not a pleasant process - be it from a narcotics addiction or the addiction to a particular philosophy.

With the annual budget for reduction of the nation's drug supply receiving a 28.1% increase to $2.6 billion and an 8.5% increase in shielding air, land and sea frontiers from drug infiltration to $2.75 billion, a substantial rethinking strategy will be necessary for a victory in the war on drugs.

Clearly, there is a substantial misperception in the philosophy underlying the course of action being taken to

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Dan Russo
Guest Weekly Columnist

You've seen Traffic. You've seen Blow. Now you're a bona fide expert on the international drug trade, right? Wrong. Illegal narcotics are a $400 billion a year industry word-wide. Three to four percent of humanity regularly uses illicit drugs. The scope of the drug trade is too big even for Hollywood epics to fully grasp, so I won't try to tackle it all in an article. What I will do is focus on a single aspect of this global issue which is important, but isn't getting much attention in the mainstream media. Don't expect any colorful metaphors or grand philosophical conclusions. If you're looking for that stuff, go take a few hits and spin a Pink Floyd Album. Maybe you'll get lucky. I'm keeping

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The effects of drugs, from a variety of viewpoints

eradicate narcotics from the U.S. As demonstrated by the differential between the expenditures being pumped into drug interdiction (nearly $9 billion) versus the total expenditures for demand reduction ($2.2 billion) for the 2002 fiscal year, the U.S. drug policy is rooted in the concept that by reducing the supply the problem of drug use, abuse and addition will simply dissipate. Logic dictates that such will never occur.

To be blunt, the sole consequence that will result from supply-side reduction will be increasingly poor addicts, who will be forced to engage in felonious activities to raise the adequate monies to purchase narcotics, which hold an ever-tightening grip upon their hearts in the form of addiction. Instead of placing an increasingly dominant importance on drug interdiction, the government using a far more sensible drug policy would be more efficient, more effective and more fiscally sound.

However, drugs by themselves are harmless. It is not until narcotics are brought into the body that they wreak havoc. It is the desire and/or need to bring narcotics into the body that must be reduced. Theoretically, if there is no demand for drugs, the supply is a non-variable and thus inconsequential.

As opposed to increasing interdiction funding while decreasing funding from demand-side remedies such as expenditures aimed towards decreasing juvenile drug use, a far more effective policy would be to, in fact, switch the expenditure proportions. With nearly 80% being spent on demand reduction and the remainder being spent on supply reduction, the aims of the multi-front war on drugs would be far better accomplished.

For the sake of winning the war on drugs, for the sake of the lives who have been ravaged by the plague of addiction, and for the sake of the families whose lives have been torn by the dependency of a loved one, it is about time the government enters rehab. While going cold turkey is hard, a substantial shift from supply-side to demand-side is necessary to even begin to approach positive steps in the war on drugs.

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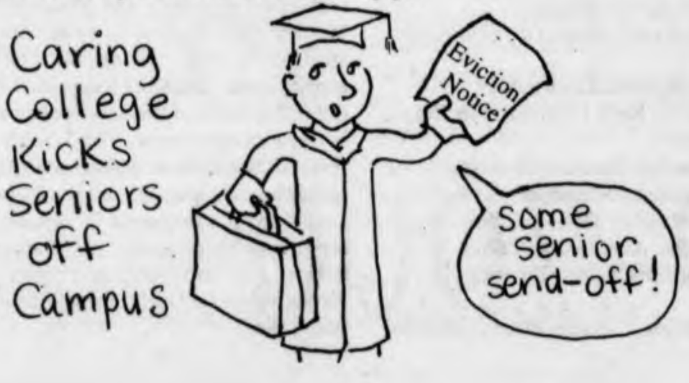
this plain and simple.

Two thirds of the planet's coca leaf production originates in Columbia. Colombian cartels are also the single largest suppliers of heroin to the North American market. The country has been ripped apart by civil war for over three decades. Guerilla rebels and rogue military units backed by drug cartels regularly fight government forces. Clinton initiated a program in 1999 called "Plan Columbia." Under the supervision of President Andres Pastrana, its goal is to end the civil war, and impose law and order. The US military was given $7.5 billion in funds to turn Colombian soldiers into elite drug enforcement units. Aside from training, these special units were also provided with a fleet of state-of-the-art military helicopters to allow for mobility. This week a regiment of 300 government forces apprehended Luis Fernando Da Costa, perhaps the most powerful cartel leader in South America. The Bush Administration pledges to offer another $1.3 billion to the Columbia Plan in June.

Thanks to the drug war started by Bush senior, we caught a big fish this week. Is that really going to benefit society in the long run? I don't think so. Let me clear up a few misconceptions. According to Cecilia Anaya, a community leader from one of Columbia's many rural areas, "Most peasants grow coca not to be a multimillionaire, but just to survive and maintain their children." A drug war program like Plan Columbia might help destroy the trafficking networks, and fry the big fish, but it hurts the majority of Colombians. Are we really willing to buy the extra coffee to keep thousands of people from starving. Furthermore, this program does nothing to lessen the demand for drugs in the USA. Therefore, no matter how hard you hit the cartels, people are still going to have an intense demand in the America and other key markets.

Three fourths of the money for Plan Columbia is spent on the military. A lot of it should be spent on infrastructure and economic improvements for average Colombians so they don't have to resort to growing coca to survive. In the USA, more money should be spent on prevention programs to lessen demand. If we really want to stop the damage that hard drugs do in the world, we have to put a more thought into the tactics we're using to fight this so-called "war." That's all I've got. Put it in your pipe.


Caring College Kicks Seniors off Campus
Eviction Notice
Some senior send-off!

Dr. Jeff Rudski

Guest Weekly Columnist

Attempts to eradicate illicit drug use will produce only moderate success, or come at the cost of exceptionally intrusive societal control. My opinion is informed by various facets of our physiology and psychology.

Evolution imbued us with innate 'pleasure circuits' in our brain. These circuits turn on when we engage in behavior that helps us and our species survive. Sweet foods, exploration of new environments, and good sex all produce increased neuronal activity in these circuits. These circuits evolved for reasons directly involved in evolutionary fitness (e.g., eating and sex), but other events can turn them on as well. Evidence shows that exercise or good music makes us feel good by activating these systems. Addictive drugs tap into these already existing pleasure circuits, artificially activating them. Heroin mimics brain chemicals called endorphins, while cocaine, nicotine and Ritalin increase a 'reward' chemical called dopamine. Almost every used illicit drug taps into either the dopmamine or endorphin system-chemicals that evolved to help in our survival but can be co-opted for other forms of pleasure.

Novelty is rewarding for its own sake. Some rats will press levers for no other purpose than to turn on lights and buzzers. Similarly, some people have found that psychedelic drugs easily provide them with new and 'interesting' experiences. There is a basic behavioral tendency of preferring rewards that are relatively immediate and require minimal effort.

Using drugs is an easy way to feel good, and human nature provokes to try and find shortcuts. This does not pose much of a threat for the casual user whose drug use does not interfere with their access to other forms of reinforcement such as social support, pay checks, and feelings of self-worth. There is a very dangerous side to drug use. At any given time, engaging in drug use will make you feel very good at the present, but the long-term consequences may result in losses, such as the dissolution of a relationship or being fired from a job. Unfortunately for many people, imminent rewards exert a much stronger pull on what they do than do delayed consequences. This can make for a vicious spiral of addiction, where immediate reinforcement is chosen over longer-term delayed general losses.

Drug use and abuse can easily be explained by biologically based reinforcement mechanisms. Since drugs act by altering already existing systems in the body, we have an innate enjoyment of many illegal drugs. Behavior is controlled by immediacy and ease, and there will always be people who look for a quick and easy high. On the other hand, drugs as reinforcers suggests ways of decreasing usage. Our government's current policy of choice can structure our world so that drug use is too difficult to do, or is punished severely. You can judge for yourself who is winning the 'War on Drugs,' but the bottom line is that this policy is ineffective. Control through coercion produces behavioral fallout such as alienation and general suppression of all behavior, the good along with the bad. The delayed threat of punishment is often no match for the quick and easy immediate high. The solution for the drug problem lies with solid behavioral principles. Make sure that everybody's life contains a multitude of possible rewards, and encourage people to see how the irresponsible use of drugs may lead them down the primrose path of forfeiture of much that is enjoyable in life.

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OFF CAMPUS

Harvard University -- Forty-six students, members of the Progressive Student Labor Movement (PSLM) held their ground at a sit-in protest of Harvard University's hourly wages given to student workers. The protesters demanded a so-called "living" wage of $10.25 per hour for all University employees.

Fairfield University; Fairfield, Conn. -- Two Fairfield University students, most recently a female living off-campus, have contracted the meningitis disease, which is sometimes fatal and is particularly troublesome to college and university students, as it is easily transmitted in dormitories with large numbers of people living in close quarters. Northeastern University in Boston has also had ten cases of the disease. LaSalle University and Lehigh University, both in Pennsylvania, have also had meningitis scares this year.

Allentown -- An 18-year-old man was shot in the head at a party this weekend along the Little Lehigh Parkway, marking the third shooting victim this weekend and the 15th shooting victim this year. The latest round of shootings puts the city well ahead of its normal rate; last year, there were 23 reported shootings for all 12 months. Police did not release the victim's identity, but said that he is expected to survive after the 3 a.m. gunshot wound. There were seven bullets found near the shooting site. Earlier in the weekend, a 19-year-old man was shot at Jordan and Tilghman and another man was shot near 3rd and Gordon.

Weekend Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 74	High: 73	High: 76
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Several students went to exercise what they call one of the most cherished rights in a democracy last month, as they let their voices be heard before an audience of State Representatives and Senators at the Pennsylvania Legislature in Harrisburg. The students lobbied Representative Jane Baker, Representative Jennifer Mann and State Senator Charlie Dent on behalf of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. The program was sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Students under the direction of Jane Schubert.
Some of the issues they lobbied for included: the Governor's plan to make sure sprinkler systems are installed in college dormitories, increasing Pea Grant awards for students going on to graduate school and increasing incentives for students to pursue higher degrees when they leave college.

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Grant allows new classes and technology

BY MATT MEYERS
Weekly Staff Writer

The Pennsylvania Department of Education awarded the College a $128,000 grant last month to go to the political science department.

There were originally 125 applications for this grant. After a board of nine members reviewed that, twenty grants were distributed across the state.

This grant will serve to do several things for the College. It will provide money to bring web-based teaching into political science classrooms. It will also allow for money and materials to make the Institute for Public Opinion capable of electronic surveying including computer assisted telephone interviewing; this information will then be integrated into courses. This will allow for the school to become more involved in the community, by doing surveys for The Morning Call and local TV stations.

The political science department is not the only department in the school that will benefit from this money. The surveying equipment will also be available to the Business department for their marketing and marketing research classes.

According to Christopher Herrick, "There are two new courses being developed, first being the 'E-Commerce' course which is available this fall... that one specifically is going to have a web based enhancement, and there are some research opportunities with Lehigh Valley Economic Development Agency for them to work on a web based marketing of the Lehigh Valley."

There will also be another course in Public Policy available in the near future. In that course, "students will actually be participating on surveys," Herrick said. That course will culminate in a project done for the city or county. Not only that, but many other existing political science classes will be affected by this technology.

Herrick said that no additional faculty would be hired due to the addition of these courses, with the exception of possibly bring in an adjunct professor. However, certain professors and instructors might be shifted around, but there will be no major moves.

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

NASDAQ selloffs provide no good news to investors

On Tuesday, the NASDAQ composite index fell 42.39 points, or about 2 percent, to 2,017.29. The Dow Jones industrial average lost 77.30 points to 10455.19, while the S&P 500 slid 14.74 to 1,209.45. More stocks fell than rose. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange beat declining ones 1,582 to 1,457 as 1.1 billion shares traded. NASDAQ losers edged out winners 2,013 to 1,836 as 1.8 billion shares were traded. Experts believe the drop was sellout was caused by JDS Uniphase, Compaq Computer and AT&T—each of which warned that profits in the current quarter will be lower than original predictions. Lucent Technologies also posted a wider-than-expected quarterly loss.

The biggest story of the past week has been the trade summit in Quebec City, Canada. Nearly all western Hemisphere leaders participated in the two day "Summit of the Americas." The summit closed on Sunday with an agreement that Western Hemisphere will be a free trade zone by 2005. Critics argue that free trade comes at the expense of the workers and the environment. Most protesters were peaceful, but there was some disorder and 403 people were arrested throughout the weekend. In an effort to appease the protesters the leaders offered to meet with the leaders of the labor and environmental groups involved with the protest, but the world leaders refused to put certain concerns of the protesters in writing.

On Tuesday International Business Machines (IBM) decided to pay $1 billion in cash to buy Informix Corp.'s database software business. In the mid to early 1990s Informix Corporation was a major competitor of Oracle Corporation, the largest software corporation in the world. However, in the mid 90s, Informix hit hard times and has never recovered. IBM, the biggest computer maker in the world, hopes to use its resources and expertise to reinstate Informix as a major player in the database software industry.

Last month consumer confidence rose, but the Conference Board has found that the monthly index has fallen to 109.2 in April from 116.9 in March. Although consumer confidence rose in March, the figures were still well below last summer's peak levels. Experts pay close attention to consumer spending, because it fuels about two-thirds of the nation's economy.

However, these latest results are not totally accurate because the Conference Board surveyed about 5,000 households before the federal reserve cut interest rates by another half-percent. This latest cut was the fourth this year and the latest in an effort to prevent the U.S from falling into a recession.

Expect gas prices to continue to rise this summer; U.S prices have soared 13 cents a gallon in the past two weeks. The average price of gas (including all grades and taxes) was $1.67, up 12 cents from April 6, 2001. Unfortunately, experts believe that this is strictly a U.S. problem because oil prices haven't changed in weeks. When the price of crude oil rises, a price increase in gasoline is felt throughout the world.

Hundreds pack campus for open house

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Eleven students gave their deposits—a signal of commitment to attend next year—on Saturday, slightly more than last year, a development that Kovats-Bernat said was impressive "considering it's an on-the-spot thing."

"Four people came out of President Taylor's welcome and made their deposits—and that's pretty impressive," she said.

The College has received 436 deposits and expects the class to be between 525 and 550 students. The postmark deadline for deposits is May 1. At this time last year, the College had received 443 deposits in a year where the target was 525 students and over 580 actually matriculated.

"We're very close to being on par with last year—if not a little under," Kovats-Bernat said, "which is where we want to be."

Over the next week, the College will get the final number of students for next year's class—a number on which the budget depends and a number about which many students and faculty are concerned.

"We probably will come in right on target," Kovats-Bernat said.

College officials say that if too few students are admitted, they run into budgetary constraints; students, faculty and neighbors argue that if too many are admitted, the campus becomes overcrowded. College enrollment has expanded steadily for most of the past decade.

A family prepares for the day Saturday.

Photo by Joseph Trentacoste

This Saturday, the College will hold its open house for high school juniors interested in applying for next year.

"The junior open house is kind of the beginning of the process and presents more factual information about the campus and applying to the College," Kovats-Bernat said, adding that the Red Doors program, for seniors, is exactly the opposite—likely the last stop students make before making a final decision.

"For Through the Red Doors, it's more the feeling they get when they come on campus," she said. "We want the College to open its doors to these prospective students."

Alison Smith, who is considering Notre Dame and Northwestern, was here Saturday making her choice based on the feeling she got from the school rather than on any factual information presented. In making her decision, the primary factor will be finding a school "where I can be comfortable spending the next four years of my life," she said.

For that reason, the schedule is generally loose and clubs and organizations are invited to staff tables during lunch.

Liz Einorn, a high school senior from Cheltenham, Pa., was there in part to see the clubs and organizations. She hopes to join the Dynamics and to get involved. "It's an actual experience," she said. "It's not just learning."

"Each year, our staff tries to find a handful of students we would love to have matriculate at Muhlenberg," she said. Those students get special invitations and attention from admission officers.

"Of all the students that come to Through the Red Doors, 70 percent actually come," Kovats-Bernat said.

Many of the students at Through the Red Doors were introduced to the College by other people—others know students here and have visited them.

"There are definitely kids in the application pool that did find us in a computer search or in a book," Kovats-Bernat said. "But word of mouth is our strongest marketing tool. Our own people are speaking for the College—we have people willing to go home and share their experiences with Muhlenberg. That carries more weight than what our literature shows."

"It's really important to meet the people and to see how receptive they are," Rachel Kleiner, of Kinnelon, N.J., said.

She, along with many other students at the event Saturday, knows people that go here and did not find the College in a book or computer search.

Nick Canes, a high school senior from Union, N.J. also knows someone that goes here—and was attracted to the resources that small colleges have. "It's a small community environment that I'm really used to," he said. "It's got a lot more to offer than bigger

Annual 'Greek Week' consumes attention

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"This year, I felt a lot of tension between the teams," says Christina Coviello, Phi Sigma Sigma. "Sometimes we all need to remind ourselves that we are not trying to win the Olympic medal and this is just for fun."

Although many of the events are sport-based, the competition does not depend solely on physical strength. Events like darts and billiards rely on the participant's skill, and the sorority "lip sync" competition involves creativity along with talent.

This year's lip sync took place in Empie Theatre after a scheduling conflict with the "Through the Red Doors" open house. The event was so popular that at one point, the Greek and non-Greek spectators taking up the entire aisles and crowding the exits were asked to move due to fire safety violations.

Greek Week ends today with both the fraternity and sorority Tug of War, the official closing competition of the festivities.

At deadline Tuesday, the standings were as follows: Tau Kappa Epsilon was leading the men with 81 points, closely followed by Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Epsilon Pi at 76, Phi Kappa Tau and Sigma Phi Epsilon, tied at 53. Alpha Chi Omega, with 73 points, had a small lead over Delta Zeta (70). Phi Sigma Sigma trailed ΔZ with 49 and Phi Mu rounded out the sororities with 31.

Last year, ΔZ pulled off an amazing upset of defending champ AXΩ, while a close men's race between TKE and the no longer recognized ATΩ was decided after ΦKT defeated TKE in Tug.

"Last year's upset really carried over to this year. When we were playing ΔZ, AXΩ would be cheering for us, and vice versa," Coviello explained.

Highlights of Greek Week:

TKE nearly shut out AEΠ in Bombardment, the first event. ΔTΔ played three very close volleyball matches against AEΠ before pulling away in the end. Dan Rigotti bowled a 232 (7 strikes) to lead ΦKT to a 40 pin victory over TKE. AEΠ continued to dominate in foosball, winning with little effort. ΣΦE triumphed in swimming behind the strong strokes of Steve Dimirsky.

Defending champ ΔZ won in basketball, the obstacle course and the lip sync competition with a well-choreographed scene from the musical "Fosse." AXΩ took volleyball and softball, ΦΣΣ triumphed in swimming and bowling, and ΦM showed its collective wits in Jeopardy!

Council ends struggle for online voting

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slight problems. Besides this minor setback, the process ran very smoothly.

Prior to this online system, voting was done through booths or a hand-counted ballot process.

Student Council appears to prefer the use of online voting because the voting booths do not belong to the College, and hand-counting ballots consumed a lot of time. Online voting is also quicker because Council does not have to go through the process of verifying student identification cards. Students simply enter their social security number before beginning to vote.

The usage of online voting may also persuade students to participate in the voting process. Dimirsky quoted, "I think it [online voting] will encourage people to vote...once the minor problems are fixed, it will be a big success."

Elias Saratovsky, president of the student body, also believes that the use of this method of voting will motivate the student body to get involved. Saratovsky stated, "I am confident that more people will come out with this type of voting. It's much easier to vote by computer."

Whether or not this voting system will be utilized for freshmen elections is up to student council and OIT. Both groups plan to evaluate the success of last week's procedure. Saratovsky explained that it is uncertain how soon the system will be used but somewhere down the road it will be implemented.

Before utilizing online voting for student council elections, both student council and OIT want to assure that there are no glitches left with the system.

To test its effectiveness, Council plans to run surveys using online voting. As soon as all of the minor problems are corrected, Council and OIT plan to implement online voting as a regular process.

Campus Safety Notes

April 11 – Harassment by Communication – ML – Students were referred to the Dean of Students.

April 11 – Fire Alarm – Prosser – The alarm went off on the first floor.

April 12 – Check the Welfare – A student in MacGregor was put into contact with the Counseling Center.

April 12 – Disorderly Conduct – One student was referred to the Dean of Students after recklessly driving on Prosser Dr.

April 12 – Vehicle Fire – A stolen vehicle was found on fire on Albright St.; Campus Safety assisted APD in this matter.

April 12 – Fire Alarm – A burnt waffle in Benfer caused the alarm to sound.

April 12 – Theft – A table stolen from Seegers was found in the possession of students in Prosser. They were referred to the Dean of Students.

April 12 – Alcohol Violation – Two students in Prosser were referred to the Dean of Students.

April 12 – Hit and Run – The front of a car was struck on 26th and Chew Streets.

April 13 – Assist Other Agency – Students were referred to the Dean of Students for disorderly conduct at 24th and Tremont Streets.

April 13 – Trashing – Garbage and garbage bags were found strewn in Benfer.

April 14 – Vandalism – An abandoned vehicle was found broken into in the 23rd St. lot. The city will tow the car this week.

April 16 – Fire Alarm – Burnt pork chops caused a fire alarm at 2243 Liberty St.

April 16 – Alcohol Violation – One student was referred to the Dean of Students for an violating alcohol policy in Benfer.

April 17 – Vandalism – Broken eggs were found in a shower stall in the second floor Prosser bathroom.

April 17 – Theft from Vehicle – A Sony Portable CD player and $2 were found at 407-409 23rd St. There was no sign of forced entry.

April 18 – Theft – A banner was stolen from Parents' Plaza, but was returned.

April 18 – Information – More information was given about the vehicle on 23rd St.

April 19 – Harassment – A roommate problem in Walz was referred to the Dean of Students.

April 19 – Vehicle Violation – A driver was speeding on Prosser Dr., and referred to the Dean of Students.

April 19 – Harassment – A student harassed another student in Walz. The student is referred to the Dean of Students.

April 19 – Harassment by Communication – A student harassed another student in Prosser. The student is referred to the Dean of Students.

April 19 – Disorderly Conduct – A student at an off campus location, the Rose Bowl, was arrested there for disorderly conduct: Chris Rogers of 2202 Gordon St.

April 20 – Harassment by Communication – Unidentified person is making phone calls in East.

April 20 – Vandalism – Fence posts were found broken on the Chew St. lawn across from the Trexler Library.

April 20 – Fire Alarm – Burnt toast caused the alarm to sound at 415 Leh St.

April 20 – Fire Alarm – Steam from a shower caused the alarm to sound at 2214 Chew St.

April 20 – Information – Residents of 318 Albright St. reported a suspicious black male named George, 5'11" to 6' tall, medium build, in his mid to late 30s, riding a mountain bike.

April 21 – Fire Alarm – Cigarette smoking at 323 N. 22nd St. caused the alarm to sound.

April 21 – Fire Safety Violation – Residents of 323 N. 22nd St. were given a violation for smoking in a MILE house.

April 21 – Information – Two students got between a girlfriend/boyfriend dispute, and were assaulted. Non students were also involved, as well as APD.

April 21 – Criminal/Malicious Mischief – Window was broken at 323 N. 22nd St.

April 21 – Injured Visitor – A visitor injured their ankle in Parents' Plaza.

April 21 – Injured/Sick Visitor – A visitor had a seizure during the Buddies program in the Red Door.

April 22 – Assault – An alumnus reportedly assaulted another alumnus at 325 22nd St.; Campus Safety advised prosecuting privately.

April 22 – Noise Complaint – The residents and visitors of 325 22nd St. were advised to keep quiet.

April 22 – Vandalism and Theft to Vehicle – Three vehicles were broken into at 26th and Liberty Streets. Stereos were taken, and windows were smashed. Vehicle vandalism has been reported all over the West End of Allentown.

April 22 – Theft – A few small round black tables were stolen from Seegers Union; they were all found.

April 22 – Vandalism to Vehicle – The same abandoned vehicle at the 23rd St. lot was vandalized again.

April 22 – Found Property – A tamper was taken from the Residence Hall construction site and found on the soccer field.

April 22 – Vandalism – Bottles were found smashed and left at the Residence Hall construction site.

April 22 – Injured Student – A student was hit by a softball on Kern Field.

April 22 – False ID - A student in Walz was found with a false ID, and referred to the Dean of Students.

April 22 – Sick Student – Student at 2442 Tilghman St. was taken to the hospital with a stomach virus.

April 22 – Disorderly Conduct – One student was sent to the Dean of Students for disorderly conduct at 24th and Liberty Streets.

April 22 – Alcohol Violation – One student in Prosser was referred to the Dean of Students.

April 23 – Vandalism to the Hoffman House – no information is currently available

Tuition will be $1400 higher next year, trustees decide

By Jodi Stark
Weekly Staff Writer

The College welcomed the Board of Trustees onto campus last Thursday and Friday. Over their two-day visit, the trustees participated in meetings along with other members of the College.

The Education Policy Meeting was one in which the Trustees responded to issues which were brought forth concerning the faculty. Dr. Marjorie Hass of the Philosophy Department and Dr. Bill Dunham of the Math Department were faculty observers, and were quite satisfied with the way in which the meeting went. Hass said, "The meeting was cordial and frank. We are all pleased with the commitment that the Trustees have shown for the teaching and learning at Muhlenberg, and for the institution as a whole."

At this meeting, it was decided that David Tafler of the communication department would be tenured and promoted to associate professor while Joe Elliott of the art department would be promoted to full professor. This process must pass through many people, and it is the Board of Trustees that gives the final word.

Also announced at one of the meetings was that John and Barbara Heffer have pledged $1 million to the capital campaign. Mr. Heffer is the vice chair of the College's Board of Trustees, and he and his wife are the parents of Alison Heffer, a 1996 graduate. The Heffers have donated money in the past and continue to be exemplars of parental involvement in the school.

Elias Saratovsky, Andrew Poag and Jodi Siegel were the three student representatives who spoke at the Committee meeting on Student Life during the Board of Trustee meeting. The three brought up such issues as improvements to the campus network, campus safety issues, the need for a 24-hour computer lab on campus, as well as the advantages and drawbacks regarding online class registration.

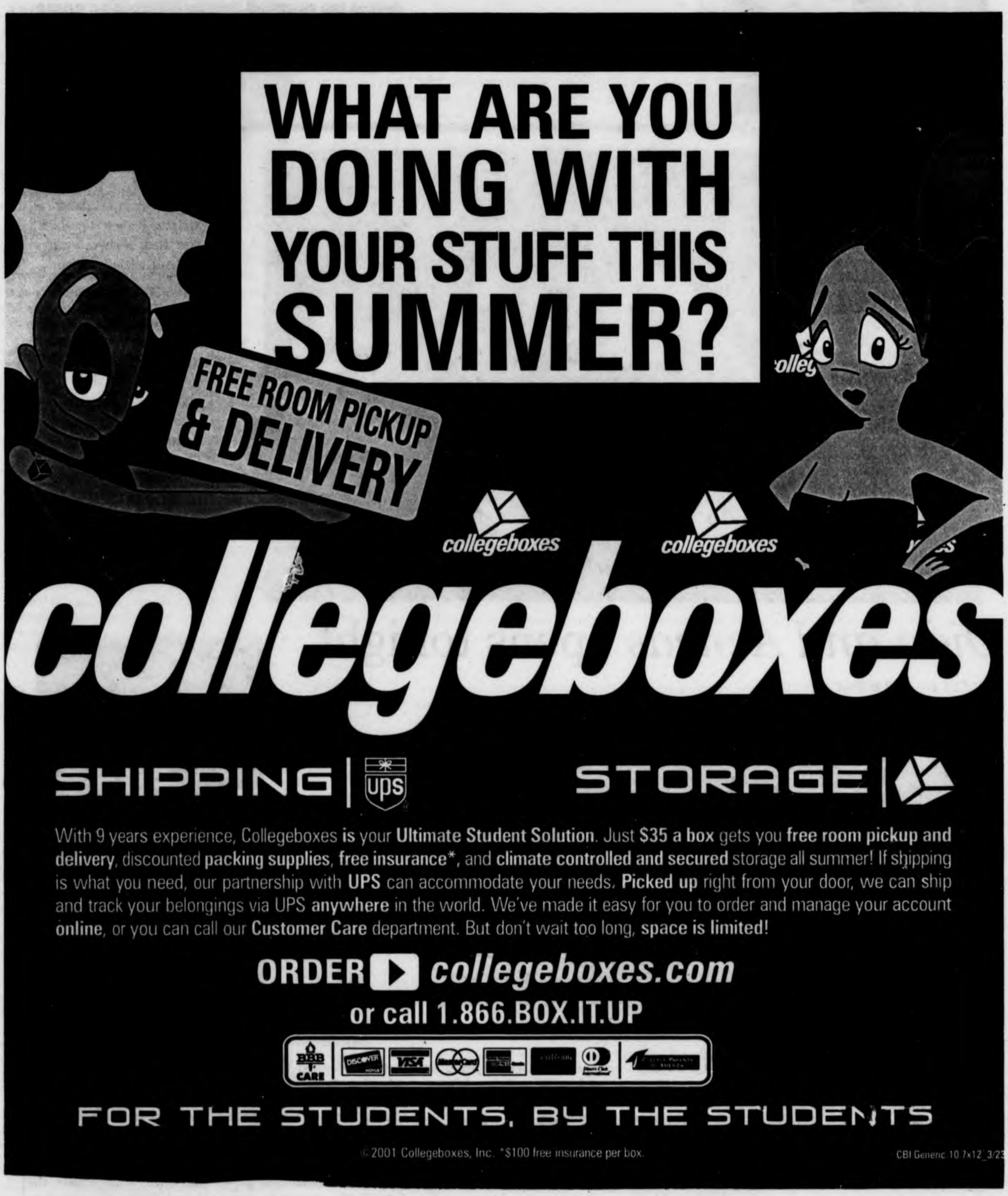
The trustees were also informed about the fact that the campus's social life is moving off campus to bars. When the trustees expressed concern that this situation might lead to drinking and driving, it was explained to them that a course of action is in the making. Saratovsky said, "We told them that we are working on a designated driver program with the local bars. The trustees promised to provide any assistance that we might need with this program." Saratovsky was also pleased at their eagerness to be of aid in any way possible. Saratovsky commented, "The Trustees responded in a positive fashion towards all of our concerns. They are concerned with the quality of student life and are eager to assist in making any improvements they can."

A Jaguar and a Porsche parked side-by-side during the Trustees' meeting last week. Photo by Jeff Baird

Next year's budget of $59.7 million was approved, making it an 8% boost from last year. A tuition increase of $1470 was also finalized, putting total charges for the 2001-2002 academic year at $28, 170. The school understands that such a price is a significant investment, but it also prides itself with being several thousand dollars cheaper than the six admissions competitors of Lafayette, Lehigh, Bucknell, Dickinson, Franklin & Marshall and Gettysburg. The tuition increase can be mainly attributed to technology expenses as well as employee salaries and healthcare costs.

Also occurring during these two days were elections and re-elections of various trustees as well as the approval of some Honorary Degree Candidates. By the end of their stay, it was evident that much business had gotten done, and when they return next fall, the tradition is sure to continue.

Saratovsky said, "Most of the trustees are Muhlenberg alumni and are striving to improve the lives of students on campus. Their dedication is demonstrated by the amount of time they commit to the College and the great sums of money they contribute." All individuals who spent time with the trustees agree that the visit was a pleasure, and they look forward to working with them next year." Siegel added, "They really enjoyed being here. The school is prospering in every way and much of that can be owed to the trustees."



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"As soon as man does not take his existence for granted, but beholds it as something unfathomably mysterious, thought begins."

-Albert Schweitzer

Left:
A scene from the opera depicting both guest artists, Robert Wallace and Jodi Kidwell, playing Aeneas and Dido, respectively.

Below right:
Selena Moretz '02 portrays the malicious sorceress who wishes to plan Dido's demise.

Below left:
The high society courtiers, shown here taking a break from rehearsal, contribute to the choral background of the performance.

Dido and Aeneas opens tonight

Photos by Jed Baker

World class pianist performs

By Emily Gewitz
Production Editor

World-class pianist and master teacher Sergei Babayan performed in front of a large and captivated crowd in the College's Empie Theater this past Friday.

As the final pianist in the 2000 Piano Recital Series, Babayan rounded out a lineup of immensely talented and accomplished solo pianists, including Ignat Solzhenitsyn and Santiago Rodriguez. Babayan's performances have received acclaim worldwide, as critics have noted his skills and artistry.

At Friday's performance, the first half of the concert consisted of piano pieces by such varied as Edward Grieg, Leo Janacek and Robert Schumann.

In these pieces, his world-recognized "wide-ranging tonal palette" was shown, by his amazing ability to bring out the range of tonal qualities, as well as the evocation of emotions woven throughout the music.

The second half of the concert was devoted to Johann Sebastian Bach, as Babayan played "12 Selections from the Clavier-Buchlein for Wilhelm Friedmann Bach." This selection was the highlight of the recital, because Babayan recently mastered and performed the complete keyboard works of Bach, as well as the complete works of Beethoven.

He accomplished this feat at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he is the Artist-In-Residence. Babayan is also the Founder and Director of the Sergei Babayan International Piano Academy, and has performed all over the world and across the United States, winning competitions and playing with top-rate orchestras.

This week's a tie...
***Pick One of the Week*: Gorillaz "Gorillaz"**
***Current single*: "Tomorrow Comes Today"**
***Check it out if you like*: Blur, Handsome Boy Modeling School, cartoons**

by Stephanie Clarke

Maybe it's cynical, but I usually assume that if a band goes to extreme lengths to package its music, it must suck. If the CD is sent in a fur cover, or taped to the chest of a go-go dancer, this is a musician with some insecurities. Then there are those cases when the package itself is the commodity. The music is kind of superfluous without it. A new project called Gorillaz, though, is proving that presentation can be key AND the music be worth listening to.

Gorillaz is like Josie and the Pussycats on ecstasy. It's the animated alter-ego of a powerhouse quartet swept from the dregs of hip-hop, brit-pop, and reggae. That's right, it's a cartoon band.

Meet 2-D (because he's got two dents in his head), the "cute, but spacy" singer/ keyboardist who's really Damon Albarn, frontman of the band Blur. Beside him is the mop-topped, spooky, brainy bassist Murdoc. In the back is drummer Russel, "who is equally inspired by 'Farrakhan and Chaka Khan' and is possessed by 'funkyphantoms' that occasionally rise up and provide some zombie-style rapping" courtesy of Dan "The Automator" Nakamura (allmusic.com).

Bounding to the forefront in a single, spastic move is the tiny guitarist Noodle, just arrived from Japan. That would be Miho Hatori, the power-riff supplier for band Cibo Matto. Rounding out the creative conglomerate is Deltron 3030 compadres Kid Koala and Del the Funkee Homosapien.

The buzz is flying over what the deal is with this Gorillaz project. The cartoon alter-egos are created by cult comic legend Jamie Hewlett, best known for Tank Girl. Each is a character in the Gorillaz plot, but at the same time sport a few ideosyncrasies of their celebrity sound-supplier.

Apparently, the cartoon narrative is not just a clever way to promote this unique collaboration, one that spans four nations and three definitive music styles. The cartoon figures ARE the band. Their first performance featured the two-dimensional band frolicking on a screen across the front of the stage, while their human counterparts played behind it, invisible apart from the occasional silhouette (NME).

Word from London, current Gorillaz headquarters, is that Gorillaz is actually founded by an elusive band from Jamaica. "Due to immigration issues the Gorillaz have got to keep it down low," says producer and beat-supplier Dan 'The Automator.' "They were just a young band who contacted us and were like, 'Hey, you guys wanna be on our record?' Well, Damon's a wicked melodica player, and Del's a really nice rhymer, I make some cool beats, it was just a good vibe for that. We went to Jamaica to record it because Gorillaz have got a lot of Jamaican dub influences and it seemed like a good place to do it" (Select, Jan. '01).

Next time the law's got you down, become a cartoon. Clever gimmick, maybe, but whatever exactly is going on behind the sheet, Gorillaz will make your ears happy.

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Dance, innovative and inspiring

PHOTO BY JED BAKER

On April 19-22, student dancers held their choreographed concert of the year. Eight different pieces were performed.

"Get to the Point," choreographed by Jenny Lifson '01 and Jessica Wasilewski '03 was a non-traditional ballet piece that combined modern music and lighting to enhance a technically challenging art form.

Michele Yuras '03 brought an eerie, uncomfortable feeling with her piece "Shelf Life." The dancers' rigid movements combined with their porcelain faces created an alternate reality.

Another innovative dance, "Tonal Mixer," choreographed by Jan Knerr '02; used the rhythm of tap and the flow of modern dance.

"Crossing the Line," choreographed by Allyson Doherty '02, exemplified the struggle faced when confronting the pressures of drugs.

Alison Clabaugh's ('02) "Fractured Beauty" confronted the pressure of being the

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The College currently employs five former Presidential Assistants in full-time management positions. Pictured are (back row) Kristen Yngve, Assistant Registrar; Amy Jeffries, Assistant to the President, (front row) Jenifer Martin, Director, Muhlenberg Fund; Christine Murphy, Director, College Communications; and Carey Hilton, Assistant Director, Alumni Relations. They all got a jump on their professional lives with Presidential Assistant positions. Students interested in hearing first-hand what it was like to be a Presidential Assistant are invited to look them up on campus - they'd be happy to share their insights and discuss the advantages of this program. Or talk to current Presidential Assistants who will continue their positions next year - Danielle Lehman in Student Activities or Erica Schmitt in Academic Support Services.

Need more information? Stop by the Office of Career Development and Planning for details about the program, job descriptions and an application form.

IN THE BLACK BOX

Photos by Jed Baker

Below left:
Also performed this weekend was *For Colored Girls Who have Considered Suicide/ When the Rainbow is Enuf*—a choreopoem by Ntozake Shange. Kenton Williams '01 directed, and Nicole Shanice Lomax '03, Alexandra Nicole Rivera Quirke '03, Lori Vroegindewey '04, Michelle Liss '04, Quitaya Lee '04, and Amanda Kokie '04 starred in *Colored Girls.* The choreopoem captured the stories of six women told through monologues combined with movement. Their stories proved that although race can affect experiences, many problems are universal.

Above right:
One can't imagine how a seemingly happy couple could think of a new baby as *The Problem.* But under the direction of Laura Feliciani, wife (Kelly Howe) and husband (Jed Baker) are incredible in their roles: they are not only putting on the play, but in the end, the audience finds out that the two are putting on their own comedic play in their living room. The wife is pregnant, claiming that the baby isn't his. How it happened and with whom is up for question--until the husband corners his wife, and pops the balloon in her stomach. It was all a game.

Above left:
Sister Mary Ignatius Explains it All for You, a one act play by Christopher Durang, was performed this past weekend by Lisa Daly '01, Catherine Schoetz '03, Jon Larsen '04, Karen Seapker '04, Chris Roberti '02, and Robbie Saenz DeViteri '04. This controversial play has been protested all over the country because some view it as anti-Catholic.

Despite the controversy, Director JoEllen Notte '02 approached the play with this statement in mind—"it isn't anti-Catholic, it's anti-authoritarian." Furthermore, the anti-Catholocist nature of the play was just a framework used to explain the greater influence of authority.

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By Christine Moyer

Aries
You will be tempted to do something this weekend that you know you shouldn't. Try to stick strongly to your beliefs and all should work out well.

Taurus
You are going to have to ask for a large favor at the end of this week. Instead of trying to take on this task by yourself, ask a good friend who you know can be trusted and will be willing to help you.

Gemini
You will soon find yourself attracted to a person who you would not normally find attractive. However, you should pursue this person all the same. If you do so you will find yourself very happily rewarded!

Cancer
Life is full of signs, which will help you as long as you take heed to them. Keep your eyes open on Friday night, for an important event will take place that will answer a question that has recently been plaguing you.

Leo
Some friends will ask you to do something this weekend that will compromise your values. Rather than giving in to your friends, do what you believe to be the right thing. You will be glad that you did not succumb to the pressure of your friends.

Virgo
Call up that person who you have been thinking of lately. Do not let past problems and distance prevent the two of you from continuing your friendship.

Libra
Take a chance this week. You fear of leaving behind everything that makes you feel comfortable has prevented you from making decisions that will affect your future. Instead of succumbing to your fears, listen to your heart.

Scorpio
You and your significant other will have a fight at the end of this week. In order for the two of you to resolve this problem, you are going to have to be the one who apologizes.

Sagittarius
You may want to skip a few classes next week. The weather may tempt you, but don't forget the importance of classes in the determination of your grades.

Capricorn
A good friend is going to lie to you this week and it will be up to you to decide whether or not you are going to forgive that person. You will feel anger while you are making this decision, but remember that no one is perfect.

Aquarius
You are going to have to make an important decision at the end of this week, which will drastically change your life. Don't make any hasty decisions. Just try listening to your heart.

Pisces
Love always seems to strike when you are not looking. This weekend is one of those times. Keep your eyes open, but don't look too hard or it may pass by you.

Dance recital celebrates movement, light, and color

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perfect ballerina. The movements expressed the frustrations of the dancers not fitting to that mold.

"Nectar, Webs and Insexts" was a comment on sexuality in today's society. Choreographed by Emily Eger '02, this piece effectively examined breaking barriers of relationships.

Next, "Salvation's Journey," choreographed by Morgan Maholick '03, was an angelic representation of being guided in one's life.

Lastly, Julie Danton's ('03) "Pixie Dust" was a visual maze of extravagant movement. Every element combined into a cohesive piece.

All the choreographers were inventive in their pieces and by combining hard work and ambition, the student-choreographed show was successful in making the audience think.

Pangea, Royal Noise Brigade (above), the Donson Project, Cropduster and Poppycock Babble performed at the WMUH Annual Benefit Show at Crocodile Rock to a crowd of 150.

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Thursday, April 26
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Men's and women's golf finish season

BY SARAH NIEBLER
Weekly Sports Writer

Junior Jennifer Risley, one of three golfers to attend the Gettysburg Invitational, shot a 106 to finish third on Friday, Apr. 20.

The other golfers were Erin DeVaney, who shot 124, and Katy Baker, who finished with a score of 133. The women's golf team played at the Kutztown Invitational on Tuesday, Apr. 24 and finishes its season with the Centennial Conference Championships in Berlin, MD this coming weekend.

The men's golf team secured two fourth place finishes this week, placing in both the Glenmaura National Collegiate Invitational in Scranton last weekend and the York Invitational on Monday.

Junior Kevin Fitzpatrick was the only golfer to shoot in the 70's in both rounds as he improved his 79 from the first round to a 77 in the second round. Fitzpatrick finished in a tie for fifth place overall.

As a team, the Mules finished behind Wesley, Susquehanna, and New Jersey, but still finished in the top three of the field. Senior Matt Berman finished in a tie for seventh place individually with a two-round score just two strokes behind Fitzpatrick.

At the York Invitational, the Mules tied for fourth place with Messiah College. Freshman Jay Pardini tied for seventh place overall with 79. Golfers Joe Bedway, Scott Gill, Greg Nicolls, and Todd Scolnick all shot in the 80's to help the Mules finish in the top half of the draw.

The team competed in the Lehigh Valley Tournament on Tuesday as they attempted to secure a piece of the Matte Award. The Matte Award is given to the winner of the annual competition between Muhlenberg and Moravian Colleges.

The men wrap up their season this weekend with the Conference Championships in MD.

Baseball

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Pachtinger drove in two runs in the first game, but it was not enough to beat the Diplomats.

The Mules won the second game of the double header, 3-2.

Senior Paul Luongo pitched a five hitter for his second straight complete game. The Mules scored the winning run in the top of the seventh when Junior Mike Morris drew a pinch hit walk and sophomore pinch-runner Justin Graf stole second, went to third on a flyout and scored on a wild pitch.

Luongo expressed, "Our defense played well and there was timely hitting."

Vacation Updates

Courtesy of Sports Information

Softball

April 7 - Messiah 9, Muhlenberg 3; Muhlenberg 1, Messiah 0. Freshman Danielle DeLucia recorded her first career shutout as Muhlenberg salvaged a split of this non-league doubleheader.

April 10 - Muhlenberg 3, Swarthmore 2. Freshman Kate Dischino's sacrifice fly in the top of the 12th plated the winning run.

Baseball

April 7 - Muhlenberg 3, Washington (Md.) 1; Muhlenberg 15, Washington (Md.) 0. Seniors Tim Haberbusch and Seth Weinstein combined to allow only one run on 9 hits and strike out 17 as Muhlenberg swept a Centennial Conference doubleheader.

April 10 - Ursinus 6, Muhlenberg 3. Two-time defending Centennial Conference champion Ursinus took advantage of three errors to score three runs in the decisive fourth inning en route to the victory. April 12 - Ursinus 11, Muhlenberg 10. Ursinus scored four runs in the bottom of the 10th inning for a dramatic win against the Mules. Muhlenberg opened up a 7-1 lead in the seventh on a two-run double by Carter and a three-run homer by Sophomore Carl Kerstetter.

April 13 - Gettysburg 8-10, Muhlenberg 6-2. Pachtinger and Senior Marcus Mattielli had three hits apiece in the opener, in which Muhlenberg cut an 8-2 deficit to 8-6 in the final two innings.

April 17 - Muhlenberg 5, Dickinson 1. Senior Paul Luongo pitched an eight-hitter over nine innings for his first career complete game as Muhlenberg snapped a four-game losing skid.

Men's Golf

April 7 - Men's golf finished fifth at Franklin & Marshall Invitational. Junior Rich Jacobs shot a 78 to lead the Mules.

April 16 - Golf finished 10th at Cross Creek District II Golf Classic. Freshman Matt Katz led the field with a 75 after the first round, but faltered on the second day and finished eight strokes off the lead.

Women's Golf

April 7 - Women's golf finished third at Muhlenberg Spring Classic. Muhlenberg won the "Division III" half of its own tournament, defeating Gettysburg (by 17 strokes). Junior Courtney Sessa was fourth overall, and third among Division III golfers, with a 101.

Women's Tennis

April 10 - Swarthmore 7, Muhlenberg 2. The Mules' six-match winning streak was snapped by the first-place Garnet.

April 12 - Muhlenberg 7, Gettysburg 2. Senior Kerri Waldowski, Sophomore Samantha Evans and Freshman Sarah Niebler all were double winners to lead the Mules to their first victory ever against Gettysburg.

Men's Tennis

April 12 - Moravian 5, Muhlenberg 2. In a match in which five of the six singles contests had at least one set go to a tiebreaker.

April 18 - Muhlenberg 7, Ursinus 0. The Mules breezed to their third straight Centennial Conference win, dropping only 13 games in 9 matches.

Track and Field

April 14 - Greyhound Invitational. The 4x800-meter relay team broke a 12-year-old school record. Beck, who had previously qualified provisionally with a high jump of 1.64 meters, won at Moravian with a mark of 1.66 (5-5¼).

Lacrosse

April 7 - Western Maryland 16, Muhlenberg 8. Sophomore Sarah Bowman recorded her second straight hat trick in the Mules' CC loss.

April 10 - Muhlenberg 12, Bryn Mawr 10. Senior Miruna Lovin had 5 goals and 2 assists to lead the Mules won their third game of the year.

April 12 - Gettysburg 20, Muhlenberg 4. Lovin tied the Mules' all-time scoring record with two goals in a loss to the 10th-ranked Bullets.

April 17 - Swarthmore 15, Muhlenberg 10. The Mules closed out their Centennial Conference season with a loss.

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Profile of a Mule

Robby Richman catapaults tennis team to new heights

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Since Robby Richman's arrival, the men's tennis team has reached great heights. In 2000, the men achieved a winning record of 10-4. This is only the third time in school history, and the first since 1941.

As of Richman's match on against Western Maryland College on Apr. 22, he was described in the program guide as "one of the top players in Muhlenberg men's tennis history." His career record as of Sunday was 78-37-2 (47-19-2 in singles and 31-18 in doubles). He also holds records for the most career singles wins and most career wins combined.

Richman began playing tennis at the age of seven when his sister, Jennifer, tried out for her tennis team. After that, he started playing every day on a very regular basis. He also participated in many other sports, including karate, soccer, baseball, and basketball. However, once he got older and became more serious about tennis, "it became a year-round activity."

His constant dedication paid off, as he actively participated in Middle-States Tournament in his hometown of Cherry Hill, NJ. Richman also played for his high school where he ended with a commendable record of 90-3.

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Surprisingly, coming to Muhlenberg was not a choice related to sports. He decided to come because of its academic strength. Tennis was a secondary concern. Since his start in 1997, he has seen a complete turnaround in the team. Richman accredits this success to "better players coming to Muhlenberg and joining the team" and "having a great coach," namely Bill Adams. Coach Adams "fights for the team and is supportive of the team no matter what".

A large part of Richman's personal success stems from his family's support. His parents have yet to miss any tennis match of Richman's, and have traveled even on long road trips to see their son play. He jokingly refers to his mom as the "team mother." She often brings refreshments for the whole team and is very supportive of all of them.

Richman plays at the number one spot for singles, and is paired up with number two player Brad Scheller for doubles. A fortunate aspect of the team, for Richman, is that so many of the team members are so "naturally talented" and "have been playing for such a long time."

Off of the court, Richman is a Business and Economics double major with a concentration in finance. He also hopes to play in some adult tennis tournaments, and even get together with recent Muhlenberg tennis alumn, Jon Mandelbaum, to play in various doubles matches.

Women's lacrosse closes Centennial Conference with two large losses

Lovin breaks two all-time records

By Cheryl Godfrey
Weekly Sports Writer

The women's lacrosse team lost to Swarthmore 10-15 in their closing Centennial Conference game, as well as to Drew 9-20 on Apr. 19.

Three players reached career milestones against Swarthmore on Thursday. Senior Miruna Lovin had two goals and two assists to become the program's all-time scoring leader, with 187 points. Points are counted based on both goals and assists.

When talking about this accomplishment, Lovin said, "It is something that I have been looking to achieve since I was a freshman. I knew it was something I had to do."

Sophomore Lynsey Caldwell, scoring two goals and Junior Teresa Lunardi, scoring three goals, became the 13th and 14th players, respectively, in the team's history to reach the 50-goal mark.

Sophomore Sarah Bowman and Freshman Candice Coffman both scored two goals. Stephanie Aherns had 9 saves.

The Mules came back from losing 9-1 to come close to winning, it was only 11-7 in the second half. However Drew scored the next 8 goals to steal the game. Lovin, playing her final home game of her career, scored four goals to become Muhlenberg's all-time leader with 155. Senior Sarah Weiss, scored three ground balls. Caldwell and Sara Bowman each had two goals, Lunardi had one. Lovin, Caldwell, and Freshman Alexis Yanoff had assists; Stephanie Aherns had 12 saves.

When discussing the end of her season and college lacrosse career, Weiss commented, "The coaching staff has done an excellent job this season, our program will grow. Even though we didn't win every game it's the team that plays the hardest that matters at the end."

Head Coach Kristen Stuckel concluded, "We had an excellence on the field, and saw great improvements throughout the season. We played as a cohesive team and cannot always measure ourselves in the win-loss column. Our seniors will be definitely missed for their contributions on and off the field."

The women's lacrosse team plays their last game of their season away at Susquehanna on Weds., Apr. 25.

Photo by Scott Swartz

Freshman Alexis Yanoff blocks while her opponent prepares to pass.

Softball

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made their way to 2nd and 3rd as Liz Kostlenick hit to first for the second out of the inning. Finally, sophomore Missy Arnott came up to the plate to gather two RBIs as she scored both Toth and Berg to put the Mules ahead 2-1.

The women recently battled Western Maryland (14-0 in the conference) in a doubleheader this past weekend. The team lost both games by scores of 3-1 and 2-1. Tyson expressed, "they had their timely hits."

Hitting in the clutch appears to be plaguing the team's performance the most. This past weekend the team left eight runners on during the first three innings of their second game against Western Maryland.

As Toth, named player of the week of April 9th for her hitting and stolen bases, said, "Everybody on the team can hit well. We don't take advantage of our opportunities."

Asked about her performance at the plate, she humbly replies, "I have nothing to lose. Yes, I'm a freshman-I just try to do the best I can."

In regard to the upcoming games against Ursinus and the tournament next weekend, Toth conveys, "I'm really nervous, but I think we can do it. We definitely have a shot to win the conference."

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Tennis gets sixth consecutive CC win

Men are now in third place in the CC

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

The men's tennis team recently cemented their sixth consecutive Centennial Conference win with Sunday's victory over Western Maryland.

After beginning the spring season with a 0-2 Conference mark with losses to Johns Hopkins and Haverford, the Mules have now won their last six conference matches to put themselves in third place, the last three wins coming over Ursinus, Western Maryland, and Gettysburg.

The Mules defeated the Green Terror of Western Maryland for the eighteenth consecutive year in their last home match of the season. The Mules did not lose in a singles or doubles match all day en route to a 7-0 shutout.

In singles, Senior Robby Richman, Sophomores Brad Scheller, Cameron Parke, and Matt Fleissig and Freshmen Brian Barkauskas and Gaspare Pizzo were all victorious in two sets. In the last home match of his career, Richman reached the eighty-win mark with a victory at number one singles. Richman achieved this mark with a 6-0, 6-0 pounding of the Green Terror's Scott Mahoney.

Scheller extended his personal singles match winning streak to eight with a 6-4, 6-0 win in number two singles. In doubles, the Mules came out on top of all three matches. Richman and Scheller were victorious at number one doubles, and Parke and Fleissig won at number two. Senior Mike Kimelman and Freshman James Balsamo got a victory in number three doubles as well.

The Mules also defeated Gettysburg by a score of 6-1. They won five out of six singles matches, their only loss coming in number six singles. In number three singles, Fleissig had a long match against the Bullets Geoff Gamble before prevailing 7-6 (7-1), 7-6 (7-5).

Barkauskas was able to overcome getting behind one set in number five singles, coming back to win his match 3-6, 6-2, 7-6, (7-5). The Mules defeated Gettysburg in all three doubles matches as well.

The Mules also shutout Ursinus, the last place team in the CC. Ursinus came into the match winless. They only dropped a total of thirteen games in nine matches, and sent Ursinus to its seventh CC loss of the spring campaign.

The Mules will have the chance to keep their CC winning steak alive when they match up with perennial power Washington this week. The Shormen are on top with a 7-0 conference record, and a 17-1 overall record. A year ago, Washington handed the Mules a 6-1 loss.

Following the match against Washington, the Centennial Conference Individual Championships take place on Apr. 28th and 29th at Franklin & Marshall.

Last year, Parke and Scheller were the first Mules to reach the finals ever. Richman, second seed at the time, was defeated in the semifinals of the singles tournament.

Softball clinches spot in Conference tournament

By Cheryl Godfrey
Weekly Sports Writer

The softball team has garnered the chance to play in the NCAA tournament, if they can first overcome the Centennial Conference round. The games of the CC Tournament begin on April 28th and continue to the 29th at Western Maryland. The winner will then proceed to the NCAA's.

Participants will include Gettysburg (11-3 CC, 20-7 overall), Ursinus (11-3 CC, 23-9 overall), Western Maryland (14-0 CC, 25-3 overall) and finally the Mules with a record of 10-3 in the CC and 18-14 overall.

Seedings will be decided this week during regular-season games as the Mules face off with Ursinus at home on Tuesday, Apr. 24 while Western Maryland travels to Gettysburg.

Pitcher Angie Tyson '02 declares that, "the games are up for grabs." Although Western Maryland will undoubtedly obtain the first seed, Tyson feels that "we have the capability to do it. We need to clean up our defense and pick up our offense."

The team played their best against Washington College as they won both games and also clinched their berth in the Centennial Conference tournament, after winning the first game of the doubleheader.

In the first game of the night, the Mules easily got by Washington with the score of 5-0. During the second game, Washington scored early to put themselves ahead 1-0 while Muhlenberg remained behind until the bottom of the sixth inning.

As Kelly Berg was hit by a pitch and landed on first with one out, Freshman Becki Toth hit a ball between the third baseman and the shortstop. The runners on first and second

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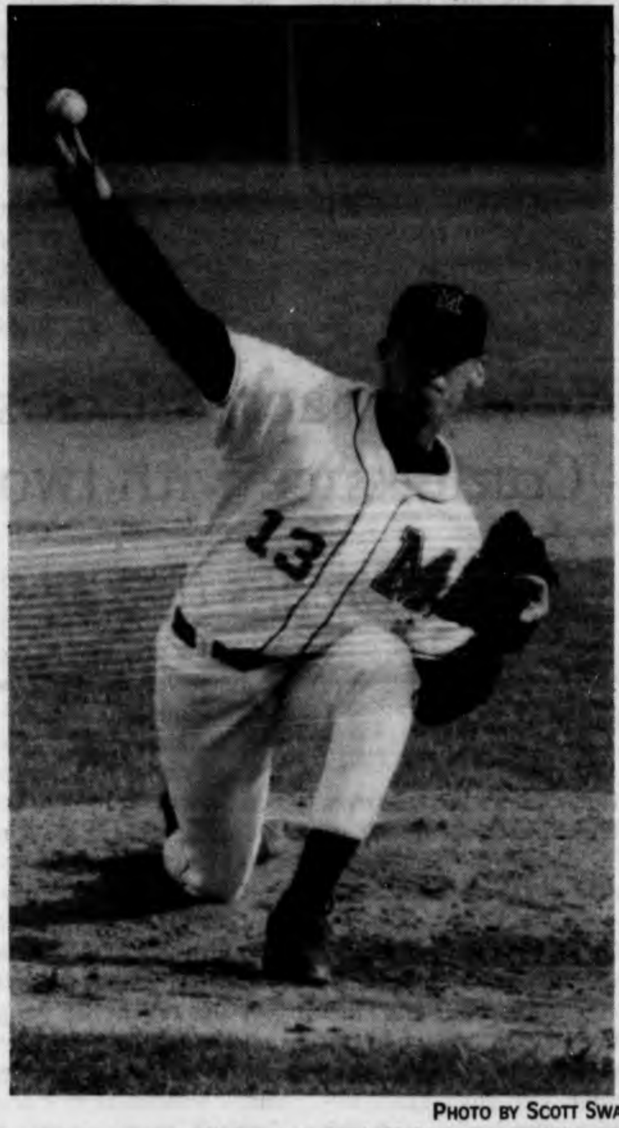

Photo by Scott Swartz

Senior Paul Luongo pitches against Dickinson on Saturday.

Baseball wins two to pull record to 15-17

By Michael Billet
Weekly Sports Writer

The Mules won against Centennial Conference rival Dickinson, 8-2 on Friday, Apr. 20.

Dickinson started off well scoring the first run of the game, but the Mules answered with two runs of their own. Junior Steve Rohn tripled in two runs in the bottom of the first. Sophomore Pitcher Sunil Bangali opened his career with a bang, working until the seventh inning and not allowing any earned runs. The Mules also tied the school record of 57 doubles in a season.

On Saturday, the Mules split a double-header with the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats, 6-3, 3-2.

F&M starter Trevor Fusaro picked up his fifth win of the season while allowing three runs and five hits in a 6-3 win. The Diplomats took an 6-1 lead through four innings from a three for three batting performance from second baseman Chris Zoeller, including a double. Zoeller also stole three bases, including two in the first inning, as Franklin and Marshall racked up five steals to spark their offense. Senior Garrett

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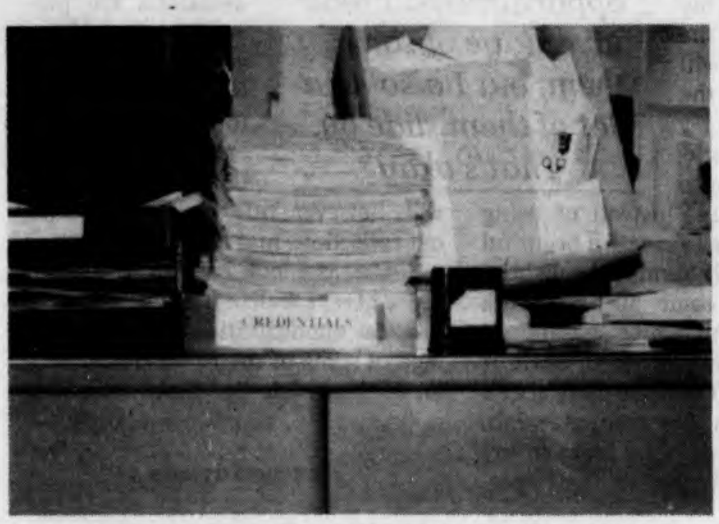
New class likely to be near 560; enrollment rate jumps by 4 points



A stack of 54 deposits and related paperwork awaits Sandy Hoch in the office of admission Tuesday. PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

35% accepted: a 9-point cut from 2000

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

Next year's freshman class will almost definitely be smaller than the class of 2004 and will likely be about 560 students, according to projections made by Dean of Admission Chris Hooker-Haring on Tuesday, the postmark deadline for final deposits.

"It appears to me that this incoming freshman class will be smaller than last year's," Hooker-Haring said.

As of Tuesday, the College received 545 final deposits and Hooker-Haring believes the College will probably top out at 580 total deposits out of a total of 1,325 acceptances. Last year, 606 deposits had been received in total and 581 of those students actually enrolled in the fall.

Although next year's freshman class will have fewer students than this year's did, 225 fewer students received offers of admission. The rate of acceptance was 35 percent this year.

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Tech update to scrap Novell and double Net bandwidth

Hardware

Transfer to Gigabit Ethernet; addition of I.P. address for each student; bandwidth to be doubled at least

Applications

Shared applications to include Office 2000, WinZip, Acrobat Reader; lab computers to have Windows 2000, Flash, Shockwave, Real Player and audio cards. Each connection will be served by Microsoft-compatible network software; Novell will be phased out.

Services

Transfer to webmail by the spring semester.

Software updates on all P.C.'s in $500,000 project

BY JEFF BAIRD
News Editor

The College will embark on a sweeping overhaul of the MuhlNet campus network and will upgrade classrooms and computer labs this summer in a project that will accumulate a bill exceeding $500,000.

The upgrade will include purchasing 150 computers for labs, doubling the bandwidth available to MuhlNet, upgrading shared software, replacing Novell network software with Microsoft-compatible network software, and upgrading to a Gigabyte Ethernet network.

The project will cost over $500,000 and will come from an annual budget of about $700,000 that is earmarked each year for technology and equipment upgrades, according to Kent Dyer, College Treasurer. The money is in a "central pool to hit priorities on a yearly basis," he said. This year's priorities include upgrading the campus network and computers; other priorities in the past have been equipment in science labs. Last year, much of the funding went to the infrastructure of the campus network, including wiring to campus-owned housing that is removed from the central campus (like Tremont apartments and outlying MILE houses).

"We do recognize that we've had problems in the complement of software and hardware students use in their rooms," Harry Miller, director of the Office of Information Technology, said. "One of the reasons we don't do upgrades every time we can is because every time we do an upgrade, there is a difference between students' computers and the network."

The difference that students will most notice is in access to the network from individual rooms. Novell software, much hated by students for years, will be replaced with Microsoft-compatible software.

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Problems with RU-486 in Pennsylvania schools

BY KELLY LEHMAN
Weekly Staff Writer

The debate over offering the abortion pill RU-486 at colleges and universities continues, although it has been eight months since the federal government approved the pill for use in this country. The Morning Call recently reported that colleges and universities in Pennsylvania cannot debate about whether or not they offer RU-486.

This is because Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act requires that the pill, "just like the surgical procedure for abortion, be dispensed in a 'registered abortion facility.'" The state act requires that facilities offering the pill provide a fully equipped operating room, which experts say "probably discourage[s] most colleges and universities from handing out the pill," according to the article.

Sam Miranda, Director of the Health Center, said the College does not offer RU-486, nor do any other colleges in the area and according to Miranda, "no one around here does." RU-486 distribution requires a college or university to have a hospital that is capable of doing emergency surgery. An institution choosing to distribute the drug must be directly associated with the

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Inside

Softball wins CC championship

The softball team won the Centennial Conference championship, as it defeated Gettysburg 3-2 in the winners' bracket Sunday, securing its place in the NCAA Division III playoffs. The Mules also beat Ursinus and Gettysburg in the first round of the double-elimination tournament.

Freshman Amanda Ibey hit her first career homerun in the Ursinus game and also broke a no-hitter with a fifth-inning triple in the first game against Gettysburg. The regional playoffs start May 11 at a site to be determined. Page 16.

The area behind the Sixth Street Homeless shelter was the site for a community service project during Greek Week. Volunteers landscaped the area behind the shelter's offices.
PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

The Weekly Review

With the final numbers tallied for the Class of 2005, the Office of Admission should be applauded for hitting their target of roughly 550. The past five years have been a strain on the finite resources of the College as a result of exceeded targets. Encompassing most aspects of the College, the steady increases in class size have been felt both directly and indirectly, affecting everything from academics to housing.

To the College's credit, such imprudent expansion is the result of having an improved academic atmosphere, which has ushered in rising applications rates, as well as increased matriculation.

Finally, after the over-enrollment of the classes of 2000 through 2004, which placed heavy burdens on the College and its resources, the Office of Admissions has checked itself. While the College's external familiarity is on the rise, the point has been reached where the internal effects of this must be offset. The perennial decrease in acceptance percentages, combined with reaching the target enrollment, has aided the College in taking fundamental steps towards returning to optimal performance.

For this, the highest praises go to the Office of Admission for fulfilling their task of reducing the number of incoming first-year students to a manageable number.

Five members of Student Council voted on Thursday to give $1,200 to the Orientation committee to help fund the tent that covers Brown Mall throughout orientation Weekend and the first few weeks of school. The tent is used by clubs and organizations -- and even by Student Council, for its first meeting of the year -- and stays up through Homecoming weekend. We believe that this was a fabulous cause. The only problem is that by voting to allocate that money to the orientation committee, those five representatives were voting to directly violate Council's own constitution.

Article VI, Section 3, paragraphs B, C, and E leave no doubt that for Council to allocate any money to the Orientation Committee would be a direct violation. The measure didn't pass -- but it was somewhat frightening that it was on the agenda in the first place. Why is this important? Just think what would happen if any club or organization, especially one that isn't one of Council's favorites, ever spent $1,200 in violation of any constitution.

The Haas dome would probably blow off the next Thursday with accusations of misspending funds and calls for financial punishment. They might call a special meeting; or even hire an accounting firm to conduct an audit. Yet nobody -- not even the most noble guardians of the public purse that sit on Student Council--none of them seemed to have a problem with sitting by and watching five Council members vote to directly violate the Council constitution.

We were sitting in the room, just waiting for the student body president to mention casually that anyone voting for the measure would be voting to violate the constitution; we were also somewhat expecting someone, if not the student body president, to mention that it is important to follow the rules set out in the constitution. We hope that everyone in Council has time to review the constitution this summer and comes prepared to follow it next year.

THE MARCONI PROJECT, PART 2

DAN RUSSO

A flake-full goodbye

I have dandruff. I try to get rid of it using special shampoos. Once I even went to a doctor and got a prescription. It didn't help. Nothing I do ever works. I am destined to have a snowstorm in my scalp.

I think the flake fiesta that pours from my head every day is finally starting to affect my brain. This is the last article I will ever write for the Muhlenberg Weekly. I am working under intense deadline pressure. Instead of using my precious time to create a beautiful goodbye that will charm and enlighten you for years to come, all I can think about is this damn itching sensation. I want to scratch my skull until it bleeds, but I can't because there are all these people in the computer lab. They're already shooting looks in my direction with disgust in their eyes. They've noticed the white specs all over my dark colored T-shirt. If they see the flood of dead skin particles that will fall after I scratch, things'll get nasty. They'll yell insults at me. They might even get violent and beat me with hair care products! As you can see, dandruff induced paranoid delusions are preventing me from attaining the level of wisdom you expect to find in the nutrient-rich follicles of the Op/Ed section. I will, however, offer you a few dried out reflections just for the hell of it.

> *I've had a lot of great opportunities. I took advantage of some of them, but I also let a lot of them slide by. That's okay.*

First, as I look back over my four years here, I realize that I've had a lot of great opportunities. I took advantage of some of them, but I also let a lot of them slide by. That's okay. I've

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These are the times to remember

Michael Goldsmith
Associate Editor

Many people say it is the beginning of the rest of our lives, but what can a college senior take from his or her final weeks -- the reminiscing of the previous years, and all the enlightening experiences each of us encountered. Unfortunately, whether for some reason or another, the student in all of us can find him or herself lost.

The end of formal education -- since it's beginning in kindergarten and preschool -- can be a very important step. Graduating from college an not knowing anything else but school will be very new for some. I will be working for an accounting firm Monday-Friday from 8 to 8. The feeling of waking up for the commute is different than the walk to your class, to listen and discuss with analytical processes and critical thinking.

College has definitely broadened my mind to the liberal arts and the way in which I need to think in the "real world." College can only teach you so much; it is a base for the knowledge of your life. Your past experiences and the ones you will have in the future can help you write your life story.

College is coming to end for some of us, and the so-called "real world" is approaching within three weeks.

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Letter to The Editor

To the Editor:

As many of you know, I have been fortunate enough to serve on Student Council since my freshman year. Moreover, my service and representation of you, the students, has been something that I have been proud to do. At the Student Council meeting on April 26, I was recalled for being absent from several recent student council meetings. Unfortunately I have been unable to attend student council meetings for the last part of this semester as I had a scheduling conflict, since I switched into a night class mid-semester. I was unable to remain in the day class that I was originally rostered into, because of a documented disability. Therefore, Dean Shiner Wilson gave me permission to switch into non-computer based corporation finance offered through the Evening College. To my surprise my absences due to the class conflict were not excused and when Student Council recalled me, the nature of my situation was not considered and I was voted off Council. It was not all of student council who were unsympathetic to my situation; rather it was the efforts of a group who had a personal score to settle with me. There actions were clearly not in the spirit of the student constitution nor were they consistent with the decisions rendered by Council with regard to students recalled in the past I find it frustrating that my efforts to succeed in the classroom are met with indifference from my peers on Council. Student Council is supposed to promote the free expression of ideas so that diverse opinions can be expressed in an effort to represent the ever-growing diversity of our student body. The actions taken by our council are shameful. It undermines every principle of fair play, and violated a sacred trust between council and the student body, as it was done to further individual interests, and not for the improvement of the Council or the College.

The rules and regulations were set in place to prevent blatant abuse of the system and to permit lenient application when there is a legitimate excuse. Perhaps those who voted to throw me off Council should be recalled, their disregard for the will of the student body and my disability is insulting.

So why write this letter? I thought you my fellow students should know about the character of some the people representing you on Council. So, when you see a Student Council member on campus, ask them how they feel about this issue, how they would feel in my place, and then ask them if they are proud of what happened.

Yours truthfully,
Evan Karp

Head and shoulders

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found that many of the lessons I absorbed in College came while I was "wasting time." Don't underestimate the important role this time plays in your education. Second, I was never great at hitting the books, but getting exposed to the bits of academia I did encounter taught me that no matter how much I learn, I still know next to nothing. Once you acknowledge this about yourself, it opens you up to a lot of things. Third, I have the same basic flaws I had four years ago. Students have time in college to identify their weaknesses and do something about them (I didn't practice what I preach in this area, so mine came back to haunt me. Yours don't have to). Finally, even though I wasn't a good student, college helped me find something that I was passionate about. Everybody's passions are unique to them. Start searching for yours now.

I'd like to thank Dave, Lucas, and all the other editors. This column is my oasis. To my readers-I hope I've been entertaining and thought-provoking over the years. Thanks for your support. If you want to express your gratitude for my services, please send any good dandruff remedies to the Weekly Offices in the basement of ML. Peace, Love, Recycle.

Lessons learned outside the bubble

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approaching within three weeks. Many students have always looked back to special moments in their college years, and I would like to reflect on just a few. Those who can remember back to August 1997, orientation weekend for the Class of 2001 included the fireworks for the College Sesquicentennial, which was the first celebration we experienced as a class.

Our first encounter with our eating establishments of the Garden Room and the "old GQ." The music playing from the old jukebox and the sound of good old GQ Gary on the speakers calling out food orders.

The water balloon wars, (this applies to all classes who have experienced the heated rivalry between Prosser and Walz) and the assault of water balloons from windows and trees. The beast on third floor Prosser, the duct taped doors on 1st floor, and not to mention the missing Periodic table for all you science majors.

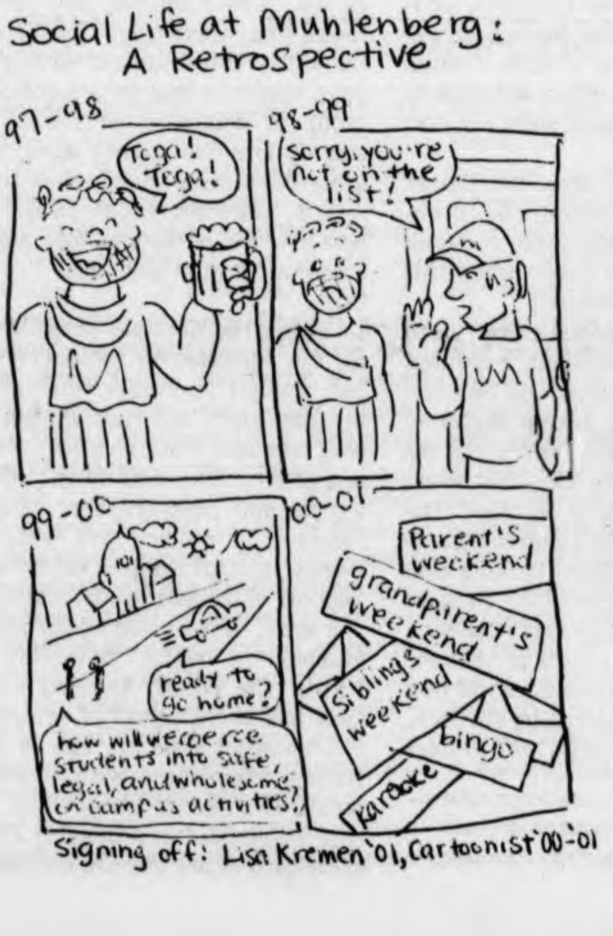
My life -- and I am sure many others -- have been changed due to the many things we have been privileged to take part in. Re-colonzing Phi Kappa Tau was something I will never forget for the rest of my life. The friendships form the experiences that we all shared together, and will never be forgotten. The Weekly has given me the opportunity to experience the life of the campus, see the truths and myths of the College. For that, I am a better person.

In my senior year, I have frequented the many bars and waterholes in Allentown. And I am so fortunate that I can spend some time talking about anything with my friends, and all the people I can catch up with from freshman year with a little brew (not too much of course). The mug club will have to wait as an alumnus.

Having dinner with members of the administration is an amazing experience. The great talks at the president's house for dinner and Kathryn's buzzer for the next course.

There are more memories I can mention, but I just wanted to enlighten everyone as to the experiences we have all shared together.

My original campus tour guide when I was on the college search four years ago expressed this to me, and it still holds true today. College is only a place for things to happen, you have to be the one to make the most of it. After your time at college, you should feel that you have done something, made a difference, or have enlightened yourself and others as a result of your passions for life.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An Iota of Wisdom

Emily Gewitz

Production Editor

Oh %*#@, you must be thinking-it's another one of those soppy, gushy articles about how sad some person is to leave Muhlenberg and the Weekly, and how depressed she is that she doesn't have a job yet. Well, one of those statements is true, but I promise not to make this too sentimental.

You readers have no interest in reading about my personal memories from 3½ years at Muhlenberg (including one semester abroad in London, which everyone should do, by the way), so here's a list of important things that every student should do before he or she graduates:

-Walk through the Rose Garden (off of Ott St.) in either the early fall or late spring
-Take a class in the English department (other than the required one)
-Finish your requirements early so that you can take classes that you really like in your senior year
-Go to the campus speakers and lecturers; if for no other reason, go for the free chicken fingers
-Spend time at the Ham Fam (a good place to study and to talk with strange people)
-Take yoga (no more gym requirements for you, bah! When I was a freshman...) or Water Aerobics
-Support student musicians by going to their recitals
-Go to a home football game and wear your Muhlenberg sweatshirt (goodbye, campus apathy!)
-Eat nachos at the Chicken Lounge, wings at P.J. Whelihans, and popcorn at Ringers

To The Weekly Editorial Board: Thank you so much for two wonderful years. The dedication and commitment that you all give to the paper is what makes the Weekly such a fantastic publication. I will miss you all so much, but I know that Emily, Joe, Mike, Allison and I leave the paper in good hands.

Please note that a new grievance procedure for students with disabilities will go into effect on May 3, 2001...The full policy appears on the Academic Support Services home page. Paper versions of the policy will also be available in the following offices: Academic Support Services, Health Services, Counseling, and the Offices of the Dean of the College for Academic Life and the Dean of Students.

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The Future of the School

Jeff Baird
News Editor

This academic year is about to come to a close, and we find ourselves in a position where, looking at how the college has developed in the past five years, we know that more changes are in store for the next few years. There is also a lot of speculation about the future of the school, and most of it is idealistic and unfounded. I offer here a short list of predictions based on what I've learned this year as news editor of the Muhlenberg Weekly.

The College will not become dry, but it will continue its move toward discouraging social drinking at campus events and on campus. This is a funny trend, because our generation is one that, compared to those before us, is not particularly rebellious, doesn't incite competition between it and the "establishment" and in general is pretty tame.

And yet the college insists on pulling in its reins on unwholesome social activity. (Even though Muhlenberg students voted themselves onto the Princeton Review's "drinking school" list, anyone who's been to a large state school's parties will be able to that our parties pale in comparison.) I would venture to say that the college can be happy that the generation it's educating now is fairly subdued and non-rebellious, and that a certain amount of freedom (even if it's abused by some) ought to take precedence over testing that relationship with more regulations.

The college will continue to operate as a business, but it should watch out for paying too much attention to accounting costs. It is very important to be cost-conscious. Running a college involves making difficult decisions every day, it's not a yellow submarine where everyone has all he needs.

To blame the college for accepting more freshman based purely on financial reasons is silly. Financial concerns drive every aspect of campus life whether we like or not.

But the college should be careful not to sacrifice too much for a dollar. It should weigh the so-called "accounting" costs and "economic" costs. An example: It makes little financial sense to offer Presidential Assistants beds on campus. The accounting cost is pretty high. But the economic cost is that there are too few people interested in being presidential assistants, and as a result, managers will have to shoulder more responsibility and may very well be overworked.

And with 78 open beds on which the college is losing money, I'm not sure the accounting cost quite measures up to the economic cost - not if they offer open spaces after the freshman enrollment numbers are in and after the housing lottery.

The first-year classes will continue to represent white, suburban, upper-middle-class America (not necessarily a bad thing) until the endowment grows and/or the country experiences a recession.

Often, the same people who object to the college being run as a business are also the ones who object to the "diversity" factor. Solving the problem of diversity is inherently connected to the endowment.

Public education systems have experimented with lowering admission standards in an effort to increase the proportion of minorities on their campuses. The goal here is simple: they offer automatic acceptance to, for example, each high school's top ten percent. Here, the standards are lower for students going to lower-performing high schools than for the students going to better schools. This is not acceptable, and I don't believe the college will change its admission process in an effort to enroll more minority students.

But as the endowment grows, Muhlenberg can compete with other schools to offer a wider range of merit scholarships that covers the spectrum of high school seniors. This, combined with the recession everyone tells us we're about to have, may be the one combination that would "solve" our diversity "problem."

(Though, as I say, I don't think that we have a diversity problem. I would rather accept a class that's 95 percent white and qualified then to lower admissions standards simply in an effort to recruit minorities. The school, so far as I can tell, believes the same thing - even if it doesn't say so explicitly.)

The College will approve the construction of a parking garage after its $10-million-a-year capital campaign is over. After all of our renovation and building projects are complete, contrary to popular belief, the college will be done building for a while. I think that the admission office will stick to its promise to hover around a 2,000 student enrollment.

(Because of the large enrollment this year, that total number will probably swell to as high as 2,150 and then fall back to around 2,000 when this year's freshman graduate.)

If this is true, then we won't need more dorms or academic buildings. Major building projects will be over, and the college will have a chance to work on updates, renovations and the endowment. The one thing that won't be fixed is the parking situation. The college is in a difficult position balancing student demands for parking with the limited parking available in campus lots and in neighboring streets.

I think that the efforts to raise the parking fee and to raise fines will be a good first step in controlling the problem, but that they will do little to solve it.

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Its the last Thursday; enjoy it while you can

Emily Pannebaker
Editor-in-Chief

The Muhlenberg Weekly is not simply the voice of the students. We tackle controversial issues in the news section, give faculty and students a chance to face-off in Weekly Discourse, and suggest solutions to problems facing students, faculty and staff in our Editorials. The Life! section gives you a glimpse of campus life that you may have missed last weekend. And Muhlenberg's teams are winning-the Sports section has covered their triumphs.

We are an eclectic group, but our mission is the same: to produce a newspaper that has become a Thursday morning ritual to students, faculty and staff.

For the 2000-2001 school year, The President's Award has been proudly positioned amongst our X-acto knives, rubber cement, and the cartoons from years' past that hang on the walls. The award served as a constant reminder that we are not only a group of dedicated journalists who stay up late one night a week, but a group of students who do their best to inform, entertain, enlighten and capture the lives of the students, and the community in which they live and learn.

I leave The Weekly knowing what it feels like to be proud of something, and knowing what it's like to make lasting friendships with a diverse group of students whose lives have become devoted to producing a piece of exceptional and creative journalism.

This is the last issue of the Weekly for the semester-for seniors, it's the last time on Thursdays you will pick up your paper and read it while sipping on a latte from Java Joe. For the rest of you, have faith in the editors, writers and photographers who will continue to provide you with your weekly dose of campus safety notes, pictures of student bands, and Profile of a Mule. It is a tradition for you, for Muhlenberg, and for The Weekly staff. I leave The Weekly knowing what it feels like to be proud of something, and knowing what it's like to make lasting friendships with a diverse group of students whose lives have become devoted to producing a piece of exceptional and creative journalism.

OFF CAMPUS

University of Texas -- Anoor Hajee, 18, a freshman, was killed in a three alarm fire, which also critically injured his roommate, Zawadry Ab Latiff, 21. The fire broke out in the students' apartment in a high-rise complex across the street from the University; no other residents were injured.

Allentown -- A 19-year-old Allentown man charged with suffocating his seven-month-old daughter to death will not face the possibility of the death penalty, Lehigh County prosecutors said this week. The prosecutor's office said that it could not prove first degree murder; felony homicide (second-degree murder) does not apply. Thus, the most severe charge is third-degree murder. Ronnie Anthony Allacan is charged with wrapping his baby in blankets and leaving her face down on a futon in an unheated room that fell below 25 degrees.

Lehigh Valley -- Forty percent of Lehigh Valley bridges are "structurally deficient or functionally obsolete," according to a new report by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Lehigh County will require $6.5 million in repairs to bring the bridges up to standard. Most of the bridges in question were built in the early 20th Century and often funds earmarked for bridges have been diverted to roads projects. Counties spend $6 million per year on road pavings. Nearly half of state bridges are over half a century old and 56 of them are more than 75 years old. Bridges generally have a life expectancy of 70 years.

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
⛅	⛅	⛅
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
High: 81 Low: 49	High: 74 Low: 47	High: 73 Low: 48

Abortion regulations restrict use of RU-486 in Pa. schools

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hospital, such as Yale University, one of few schools that offer RU-486. Muhlenberg also does not dispense the morning-after pill, which is a drug taken at least 72 hours after conception that prevents pregnancy.

Unlike RU-486, the morning-after pill has fewer medical concerns surrounding its use. Miranda was quick to mention that the College has a "mechanism in place so our students have equal access to health care."

Students who go to the health center on campus seeking the morning after pill are provided with, what Miranda called, an "instant connection" to Lehigh Valley Hospital.

A gynecologist sees the patient within the 72 hour period after the assumed conception. Lehigh University and Lafayette College dispense the morning-after pill, but not the RU-486, due to the high liability involved in taking the pill.

More and more practitioners are becoming concerned that there should be an examination along with the administration of the morning-after pill. In an ideal situation, the procedure for treating a patient with the morning after pill is uncomplicated, but if a gynecologist gave someone with undiagnosed chlamydia the pill, this sexually transmitted disease (S.T.D.) would complicate the procedure. The possibility for complications is one of the reasons why there has been a change in philosophy among practitioners, especially those practicing in a college setting where STDs are on the rise. Practitioners have grown concerned that there should be an examination along with the administration of the morning after pill.

Before they were given the pill, this exam would assess whether or not the patient had any S.T.D.'s.

Another contraceptive device that research indicates may be risky is nonoxynol-9. Research showed that condoms containing the spermicide nonoxynol-9 increase the risk of HIV transmission.

This is significant in the case of a condom with nonoxynol-9 breaking during intercourse. If either person has HIV, then the other runs the risk of contracting HIV.

This is another example of how standards change in the health care industry. Due to this constant change and high liability associated with many birth control and abortion methods, colleges and universities tend to shy away from offering treatments such as RU-486 and the morning after pill.

Early Allocations

Following is a list of funds allocated by Student Council to clubs and organizations for the Fall 2001 semester:

Ciarla	$24,500
Concert Board	12,500
Dance	9,735
Hillel	4,954
M.A.C.	35,000
M.T.A.	30,000
The Weekly	14,246
WMUH	6,706

Council voted not to grant a request of $1,200 to the orientation committee to help pay for the tent that covers Taylor Mall for the first several weeks of the fall semester. Because the orientation committee is not an approved Student Council organization, Council could not legally have granted the request. It did provide those funds last year.

Karp is recalled

Evan Karp was recalled from Student Council Thursday in a secret-ballot vote. He was up for recall after having missed several consecutive meetings because of a class conflict.

Until Thursday, Karp served as a representative for the junior class.

In order to be recalled, a member must be given written notice several days before the recall proceedings. That member then is allowed a statement and is asked questions before Council. Voting members then participate in a sealed discussion and vote by secret ballot. It takes a two-thirds vote to recall someone from Council.

Exam and Senior Week Schedule

Thursday, May 3
Study Day
Friday, May 4
Exams begin
Sunday, May 6
Study Day
Wednesday, May 9
Study Day
Saturday, May 12
Exams end
Wednesday, May 16
Senior Ball
Thursday, May 17
Senior Surprise
Friday, May 18
Champagne Brunch
Saturday, May 19
Tent party
Sunday, May 20
Graduation
Monday, May 21
Seniors move out

Business Briefing/Bruce Gover Jr.

NASDAQ selloffs provide no good news to investors

Tuesday, The Dow Jones industrial average rallied to its highest level in two-and-a-half months, renewing investor confidence about an economic turnaround and corporate earnings growth. The Dow surged 163.37 points to 10,898.34 and the NASDAQ closed at 2,168.38 following a 52.14 points gain. The rally was sparked by the House and Senate Republicans' agreement of a tax cut of $1.35 trillion over 11 years, with a $100 billion retroactive cut this year aimed at stimulating the economy.

Early Tuesday morning, President Bush announced that he will propose a missile defense system with the capability to protect both the United States and its allies. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said the missile shield system is his top priority, and is reviewing military spending. Upon reading the data complied by the Defense Secretary, Bush will decide when and where the construction of this defense system will take place.

The President has two trips to Europe planned in order to meet with world leaders before any definite plans are to into action. The NAPM index is they way the National Association of Purchasing Managers measure manufacturing activity in the United States. The index rose slightly in April. But, this rise was tainted, because manufacturing in the U.S. is still shrinking just at a much slower pace than previous months.

Another cause for concern in the manufacturing sector is that the unemployment sector fell below 50% for the seventh straight month. This indicates that employment in this sector falling at a very fast rate and the amount of new orders placed also fell from March. On the bright side, inventory was reduced and prices for material were lowered from the previous month.

The NAPM is an important index, as it accounts for roughly 20 percent of the United States economy and is often used as a measuring stick of the nation's overall economic well-being. The manufacturing sector has taken a considerable blow due to our nation's recent economic woes, when the economy is slow, people aren't building or selling as many product, so companies aren't buying as many manufactured products.

On a lighter note, it appears that Dennis Tito has started a new trend, space tourism. The 60 year old millionaire from California paid Interfax, the Russian version of NASA, $20 million dollars to take a 8 day "vacation" in space with two Russian cosmonauts. Tito's flight into space has sparked interest from the very rich such as Titanic director James Cameron, who have expressed an interest in funding their own flight into space. Interfax has told the associated press that they have already begun planning more flights into space carrying tourists.

In addition to the $20 million dollar fee, Dennis Tito had to undergo nine months of training and he also signed a contract ensuring the Russians that he would no sue them if he was injured while in space and would pay for any high tech equipment he might damage.

Tech update includes webmail

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Next year, students will be able to use either Novell software or the new Microsoft software. Next year's freshmen will have their computers configured with Microsoft software.

Beyond that, the College does not have a plan for distributing the new software.

> *"The more you push the envelope, the more you risk running into problems with Novell."*
>
> Harry Miller

"All students who want it will be able to move to the new client" by the end of next year, Miller said, but it may take the first few weeks to get everyone onto the new client.

Though Novell will still work—and students will not need to purchase software or hardware—Miller said that now is the time to replace Novell.

With other upgrades on the campus network, the entire system becomes more complicated and places more stress on the old Novell software. "The more you push the envelope, the more you risk running into problems with Novell," Miller said.

Residents will also notice a significant increase in the speed both of the internet connection and of the speed of internal communication. [Upgraded bandwidth will increase the speed of internet communication, like visiting a web page, and the switch to a faster Ethernet will increase the speed of internal communication, like using shared software.]

The College will purchase more bandwidth, which is generally described as the amount of Internet access. It hopes to double the bandwidth from 4 Megabytes to 8 or 12 Megabytes.

More classrooms in academic buildings will be equipped with technology like that in Moyer Hall. Photo by Jeff Baird

The amount the College purchases "depends on how many hundred thousand dollars it all costs," Miller said.

Certainly the increased bandwidth will help in downloading programs and mp3 music files. Miller said that "there is no immediate intent to do anything like" block students from accessing mp3 files.

Though the bandwidth will be immediately noticed in residential internet connections, the purpose in spending the money is not purely convenience.

Miller said that it will also aid in classroom instruction, as in Moyer Hall, where the professor's computer is projected onto a screen.

"In a classroom, there's an expectation that if you want to visit a web page real time, that the performance is going to be very good."

The College will also upgrade to using a Gigabit Ethernet connection, which Miller described as the "backbone" of the campus network. It currently moves at 100 million bits per second and will be upgraded to one billion bits per second; the Ethernet connection is the switching and interaction that goes on within the framework of the network—not including internet communication.

The addition of I.P. addresses to each terminal will ensure that even with the higher Gigabit Ethernet, the campus will maintain a "reasonable level of security" against hackers. Miller said that using a network so fast gives hackers "an interesting set of weapons" that will be blocked when each terminal is provided with an I.P. address.

When students lose connection to the campus network from their rooms, it is because one of three network gateways is down. Generally, restarting a computer will reroute the connection to a functioning gateway.

This summer, when the College gives every student computer an I.P. address, it will eliminate the need for the gateways, which cause many of the lost connections.

The College will also move sometime next semester to a web-based e-mail program, scrapping the Telenet connections that many students use to access their MuhlNet accounts.

The new mail program may not be available at the beginning of classes, but will likely be in effect by the end of the first semester.

"The scale of the project is such that it is unlikely that we'll get every part ready by the first day," Miller said.

The College will add 150 new computers, giving priority to lab and classroom space and will move the older computers into faculty offices.

Miller said that all lab computers will include the following software packages: Windows 2000; Microsoft Office 2000, including Excel, Word, Access, PowerPoint, Front Page and Publisher; Realplayer, Flash and Shockwave; and "utility applications" like Acrobat Reader, Quicktime and Winzip.

"We're putting audio cards in all of the P.C.'s in all of the labs," Miller said.

The College is also working on a collective disk-space project that would allow students to upload files and back them up on their personal accounts through the campus network.

ABC modifications approved, but curriculum changes rejected

By Kelly Lehman
Weekly Staff Writer

The faculty convened for its final meeting of the academic year Friday, where it modified the Academic Behavior Code and rejected the curriculum overhaul that had been proposed this semester.

During the meeting, the faculty approved two changes in the A.B.C. The Academic Policy Committee (A.P.C.) proposed the changes to the faculty at a previous meeting; the changes address "several problems with interpretation and administration of the ABC," according to the A.P.C.'s report to the faculty.

The first change to the A.B.C. involves the removal of the word *knowingly* from phrases such as "*Knowingly* furnishing false information."

According to the report, the A.B.C. should "clearly convey to students their responsibility for knowing what constitutes a violation of the code. The removal of the word *knowingly* will clarify this responsibility to students."

The second change regards lengthening the allotted time faculty members have to raise the issue of an alleged violation of the A.B.C.

The new deadline will be end of the semester after the alleged violation. It allows more time for the professor to discuss the violation with the student.

Dean of Faculty Curtis Dretsch expressed concern over "getting students to understand the changes." He said the "faculty should be responsible in classes for informing students" of these changes. Dean of Academic Life Carol Shiner Wilson added that the changes will be put in the student handbook. Wilson mentioned incoming freshmen students would be informed of the changes during Orientation Weekend.

Another item up for debate was the proposed revision in the curriculum. The A.P.C. proposed "fusing perspectives together so that students can choose from courses both horizontally and vertically," explained Mathematics professor Bill Dunham.

The faculty did not approve the curriculum change at this meeting. Dretsch decided the faculty needed more time to decide and referred the proposal back to the A.P.C.

Patrice DiQuinzio, Academic Policy Committee chair, declared, "I don't think today is the right time to make this decision. The essential problem is in the meaning of the perspectives." DiQuinzio suggested that the faculty "revisit specific perspective designations themselves and attempt to think about what the requirements mean."

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Campus Safety Notes

April 25—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off the fire alarm at 2243 Liberty St.

April 25—Theft—$30 was stolen from a wallet in the Trexler Pavillion.

April 25—Theft—$50 was stolen from a bag in a dressing room in the Trexler Pavillion.

April 26—Vandalism—The railing in the back stairwell of Seegers was pulled off.

April 26—Solicitor—A person was soliciting credit cards in Seegers.

April 26—Injured Student—A student received a laceration to the thumb at Taylor Hall.

April 26—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off a fire at 2202 Gordon St.

April 26—Weapon— An army knife was confiscated from 2202 Gordon St. The knife is a restricted item and the student will be referred to the Dean of Students.

April 26—Animal—A dog was living in the house at 2202 Gordon St.

April 26—Fire Alarm—Steam set off the fire alarm at TKE.

April 27—Vandalism—Lights in Benfer's center tower were smashed.

April 27—Fake I.D.—A student left her purse on the football field; while searching for the owner's information, Campus Safety found a false I.D. The person will be contacted soon.

April 27—Vandalism—A bulletin board and a faucet were vandalized in Prosser.

April 27—Vandalism—A cable on the tennis courts was cut, either by a vandal or by tightening the net too much.

April 27—Hit and Run—Accident was in the M.L. lot. No suspects yet.

April 27—Fire Alarm—Cooking set off the alarm at 2214 Chew St.

April 28—Noise Complaint—The people at 325 N. 22nd St. were told to be quiet.

April 28—Fire Violation—A couch was left blocking the doorway to a Benfer suite.

April 28—Theft—$46 was stolen from a student's desk on 2nd Floor Prosser.

April 28—Fire—A cigarette started a mulch fire at the Life Sports Center.

April 28—Fire Alarm—Marijuana smoke set off the alarm at 302 Benfer.

April 28—Alcohol Violation—Four of seven students who live in 302 Benfer will definitely be referred to the Dean for possession of alcohol; it is unclear whether others will also be referred.

April 28—Unauthorized Person—Four people, two Hispanic men, one white man and one black man were knocking on a door at 407-409 N. 23rd St. Their identities are not known.

April 28—Vandalism—The first floor men's towel dispenser was smashed in Seegers.

April 28—Fire Alarm—Food set off the alarm at 2316 Chew St.

April 29—Alcohol Violation—One student was transported to the hospital and has been referred to the Dean.

April 29—Insecure Area—The fire alarm at 439 N. 23rd St. was covered by a plastic bag.

April 28—Fire Alarm—Two alarms went off at Sigma Phi Epsilon. The alarms were due to cigarette smoke.

April 28—Information—Individuals were riding on the bumper of a car on 23rd St.

April 28—Injured Student—A student suffered from a twisted ankle in Walz.

April 29—Fight—Three female students got into a fight that was physical and verbal. They were referred to the Dean.

April 29—Vandalism to Vehicle—Someone tried to bend a license plate off a car in the 23rd St. lot.

April 29—Fire Alarm—Steam from a shower set off a fire alarm at 2442 Tilghman St.

April 30—Vandalism—The emergency phone by Prosser was burned.

April 30—Vandalism—The elevator's license holder was smashed in Walz.

April 30—Vandalism—A chair was smashed to pieces in Prosser.

April 30—Code Violations—Two freshmen were found with cars.

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Mail subscriptions for next year will be available this summer. Watch the mail for an order form.

The senior prank was under way in Parents' Plaza at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

PHOTO BY JEFF BAIRD

Council approves representation change

BY JODI STARK
Weekly Staff Writer

A proposal was passed at the Student Body meeting on Wednesday April 25 that will provide additional resources and access of Student Council representatives to the student body. It was decided that after each election, constituencies will be formed by the chairman of the Council Operations Committee. Each class representative will be randomly assigned a proportionate number of constituents in his or her class.

It will be the obligation of the representative to initially contact his or her constituents. After that, representatives will have the option of how often and in what fashion they choose to correspond with their students. Each representative will be given a new set of constituents after every election. Student Council President Elias Saratovsky stressed, "It is important to remember that although each representative is given a constituency, he or she is still a representative of the entire student body."

The campus constituency program was the idea of Sophomore Representative Josh Brookstein and Senior Steve Dimirsky.

Approximately thirty students were on hand at this meeting and when Brookstein made a motion, it was soon passed. The Council constitution says that any amendment requires a two-thirds vote by Council and a two-thirds vote by students present at the student body meeting. In both cases, the votes passed easily.

Council Vice President Chris Titze is currently working with the registrar's office to organize the divisions and allocations of student names. Further organization will take place this summer, and students will be contacted by their representative at the beginning of the fall semester.

Treasurer Christina Coviello also has confidence in the program but knows that it will take a short while for it to be assimilated by the campus. She said, "Once the program is in full swing and students get used to the idea, it will be extremely beneficial. Students will have a specific person to which they can address their concerns." Saratovsky added, "The campus constituency initiative is an example of the ongoing commitment that to improve the communication between Student Council and the student body."

Next class likely to fall near 560

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"I don't think anyone can accuse us of being careless or casual about the size of the freshman class," Hooker-Haring said.

The acceptance rate was 9 percent lower than last year's, and the number of acceptances fell by 225. Since 1998, however, the acceptance rate has fallen by 30 percent and the number of acceptances has been cut by 653 students.

In cutting the acceptances, the College has counted on an increasing rate of enrollment. In 1998, when the College accepted 65 percent of applicants, under 30 percent came. This year, 41 percent of students offered admission are likely to enroll in the fall, Hooker-Haring said.

He said that in cutting the acceptances, the College has banked on the higher yields "based on experience."

College Treasurer Kent Dyer said that the College budget is formulated using an estimate of 525 to 550 students per class.

By cutting acceptances, the College risks a lower enrollment if the enrollment rate does not increase proportionately. But, Dyer said, "We would have been more open to risk not to take those acceptances off the table" because the increasing enrollment rate would produce a much larger class.

Hooker-Haring said that he accepted fewer students because of the College's newer "market position," defined by an increasing enrollment rate and a decreasing acceptance rate.

"This momentum is so strong right now that we believe in it," he said.

This year, he said the College "assumed additional momentum and still came in on target."

Unofficial approximations of other schools' acceptance rates puts the College's 35 percent rate well below many area schools. Lafayette College is said to have accepted 37 percent of applicants; estimates put Lehigh's acceptance rate at 41 percent and Gettysburg's rate over 50 percent. Dickinson College accepted about 60 percent of applicants.

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Weekly life!

"Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."

-Willie Nelson

Third Annual Henry Awards

In honor of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg

This year's show was hosted by Saladine Cannady and Aileen Chumard, with appearances by the Perkulators, the Donson Project, and Nate Pickowicz.

The Winners:

Rookie of the Year
Tyler Holmberg

Helping Hand
Aliza Vitberg

Programmer of the Year
Dave Basner

Greek Leader of the Year
Adam Evans

Female Athlete of the Year
Katrina Beck

Male Athlete of the Year
Josh Carter

Esprit de Corps
Theresa Leinker

Trailblazer
Frank Caria

Unsung Hero
Steven Dimirsky

Published Writer of the Year
Jeff Baird

Musical Performance of the Year
The Donson Project

Event of the Year
World AIDS Week

People's Choice Support Staff
Sue Fredericks

People's Choice Faculty
Dr. Jack Gambino

People's Choice Management
Becky Grace

People's Choice Student Leader
Elias Saratovsky

Organization of the Year
The Cardinal Key Society

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Above: Michael Saratovsky '04 attempts to dunk his brother Elias '02.

Below left: Meredith Hamson '04 works the ring toss game.

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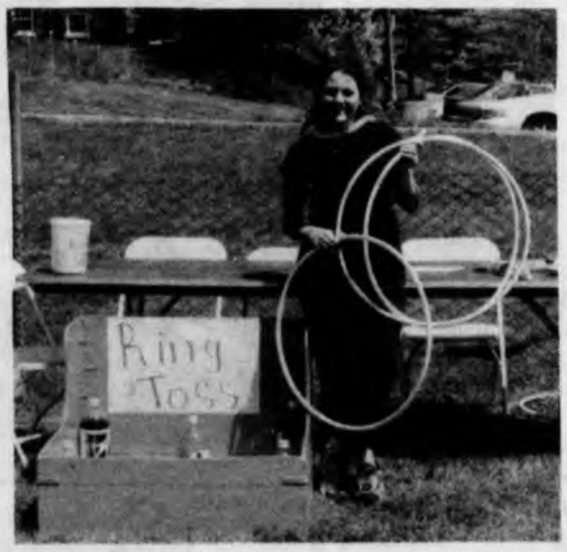

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Above: Soul Shakedown Denise McGuigan '02 and her brother play it up on the drums.

Question of the Week: *What do you think of the College's academic requirements?*

"They do the job they're supposed to do. You are a liberal arts student, with options within the requirements. It's the whole theme of a liberal arts college."

-Kevin Gibney '01

"Despite some of the problems with the current requirements, I feel that they are beneficial because they provide us with a strong liberal arts education."

-Diane Reilly '03

"It wouldn't be a true liberal arts college without these requirements. They are what make you an all-around student."

-Richard Cam '02

"Even though it is difficult to fit in all the requirements, I think they are valuable in attaining Muhlenberg's goal of creating well-rounded individuals."

-Christa Knapp '03

20 New Records That Will Make Your Life (or at least your summer) Better

by Stephanie Clarke

Life deserves the perfect soundtrack. Open your mind to a few new possibilities. As the sun comes out to administer its annual dose of daze, and finals loom like the threat of genital warts, here's a little something to look forward to:

The chillin' with a beer under the stars, or camping out record... **Doves**, spacy and driven, Radiohead with a kick.

The ultimate record for a day at the beach...**MC Paul Barman**, the Weird Al of hip-hop. He's amazing.

The perfect road trip companion... **Sunshine Anderson** by day...

Nikka Costa by night, soulful with a touch of groove.

The perfect grit to hide in your discman headphones, puts a skip in your step... **Snow Patrol**, there's nothing better than Irish indie rock, a powerful pop to the jaw

Best mass transit commuter record...**Hefner**, the lyrics are so witty that you need full-on, staring out the window kind of attention or you'll miss them.

Best record to listen to secretly while you're bored at your summer internship...**Spoon**, angry but far from depressed; for when you're tired of all those scrawny rockboy types.

For when you're feeling a little *emo*tional... **Dashboard Confessional**

The best wake-up, get-dressed at 1pm record... **Thou**, filling in the void that Portishead left behind.

Soundtrack to summer love...no doubt, **Badly Drawn Boy**, shares title with ultimate outdoor make-out record. He'll help you fall.

Best morning-after music...**Idlewild**, fun and rocks out, but never stops thinking, good distraction music.

Nurses the break-up blues...**Josh Rouse**, so sensitive and so pure. When you need a little tenderness and a damned good guitar.

For that spiteful break-up, or all together disagreement, need to blow of steam, moment...**At The Drive-In**, turn it up and thrash!

Get out the old barbecue, run around with a sparkler, and keep **Cropduster** spinning. Gritty, bluesy, uncanny, with the ability to rock! 'Funnest' summer record, oh yeah.

Pre-club, sophisticated night out in the city record... **Pelican City**, where else can you find sampled Sesame Street tracks that sound far-out cool?

Royal Noise Brigade... everybody needs a little ska sometimes.

For the perfect Phish time when you don't want Phish...**Lake Trout**, groovalicious baking music with a hint of dub beats. Starts off chill and easily lends itself to some wild dance moves when you feel 'em coming.

Best dentist waiting room music... **Olu Dara**, eclectic and witty, good for the mood.

When you find yourself beginning to think about school again... seek out **Vic Chestnut**, he'll keep your mind on the more important things in life... err...

Best full-on funk hip record to live every precious moment of your summer by... the release of 1971 Shuggie Otis recordings. And savor it while it lasts...

EASTFEST

EastFest was held last Thursday on the East Quad in beautiful sunny weather. Students defied gravity on the Orbitron while grooving to the sounds of Last Man Standing. Hand-painted tattoos were popular among students, and sumo wrestling provided entertainment for both those participating and those watching. Appetites were satisfied by the barbeque and the cotton candy machine.

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life! movie listings

May 4-6

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The Mummy Returns (special engagement)
Fri.-4 pm, 4:40, 7:45, 10:15, 10:40; Sat.-12:45, 1:30, 4:00, 4:40, 7;10, 7:45, 10:15, 10:40; Sun-12:45, 1:30, 4:00, 4:40, 7:10, 8:00
Driven
Fri.-4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sat.-1:00, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20; Sun.-1:00, 4:30, 7:50
Town and Country
Fri.-4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sat.-1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:10
Bridget Jones's Diary
Fri.-4:10, 7:15, 9:50; Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 9:50; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 8:10
Crocodile Dundee in L.A.
Fri.-4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sat.-1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:20; Sun.-1:50, 4:50, 8:15
Along Came a Spider
Fri.-4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sat.-1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00; Sun.-1:20, 4:20, 8:00
Freddy Got Fingered
Fri.and Sat.-4:00, 7:00, 9:40; Sun.-4:00, 7:30
Pokemon 3: The Movie
Sat. and Sun.-1:00

General Cinema Lehigh Valley Mall

The Mummy Returns
Fri. and Sat.-11am, 12:30pm, 2:00, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00, 12:00; Sun.-11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:45, 5:00, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00
Driven
Fri. and Sat.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40, 12 mid; Sun.-1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:40
Town and Country
Fri. and Sat.-11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Sun.-11:20, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
One Night At McCools
Fri. and Sat.-7:50 p.m. only; Sun.-7:50 p.m. only
Crocodile Dundee in LA
Fri. and Sat.-12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50; Sun.-12:40, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
Freddy Got Fingered
Fri. and Sat.-1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 10:10, 12:00 mid; Sun.-1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 10:10
Along Came A Spider
Fri. and Sat.-11:20, 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20, 12 mid; Sun.-11:10, 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
Spy Kids
Fri. and Sat.-11:00, 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:45; Sun.-11:00, 12:50, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 9:45

Cinema Paradiso

Memento
Fri.-1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sat.-1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 10:00; Sun.-1:00, 4:00, 7:30
Pollock
Fri.and Sat.-4:30, 9:30; Sun.-4:30
Amores Perros
Fri. and Sat.-12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45; Sun.-12:45, 3:45, 6:45
Into the Arms of Strangers
Fri., Sat., and Sun.-1:30, 7:15
The Widow of St. Pierre
Fri. and Sat.-1:15, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15; Sun.-1:15, 4:15, 7:00

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Creative Corner by Peggy Paul

Harmonica Man

Through the conversation-laden air
I hear it, a stream
of melody—thick, solitary
melody—winding its way across the room
to teasingly caress my ear.
And my gaze,
following the curling, pulsing
wisp of song, is driven to you
as you sit amidst a crowd
of vacant chairs;
your head bent,
your back arched,
your elbows resting on corduroy knees.
You sit alone and content,
a plaid, faded cabbie hat pulled
over soft tresses of brown that shyly
overflow in rings and coils
to rest, haphazardly,
above your brow
and upon the arching paleness of your neck.
You sit hunched—eyes closed—
the rugged smoothness of your beard
brushing against coolly
glinting metal as with cupped hands
you press the Harmonica to loosely parted lips,
sweeping it fluently—
side to side—
to a beat that pulsates in the muscles of
your arms.
I watch you as the notes
unravel—as single notes melt
gradually to chords, as simple melody
intertwines with the voice
of poignant harmony—and the sporadic
glinting of the instrument
in the dull fluorescence of the airport
entrances me, captures me,
as everything falls away
but you—everything but you and the Harmonica.
In quiet suspension my mind
watches your fluttering eyelids,
your pulsating muscles,
and the gentle craning of your neck
as you sway in loose rhythm
to your song—your poetry.
One song.
One moment.
One fleeting space in time soon spent—
Soon passed.

I hear through whiffs of music:
"Boarding Call!"

Horoscopes

By Christine Moyer

Aries
You will be forced to make a life altering decision this weekend. Concentrate on what your heart tells you for this one. Thinking this decision out will only confuse you.

Taurus
Your friends are going to try to put you in the middle of their fight at the end of this week. Rather, than taking sides try to stay clear of these two people until the disagreement clears up.

Gemini
You are going to have to ask a friend for some help this weekend. While you may think that you can take care of this problem on your own, try to remember that friends are important for both the good times and the bad ones.

Cancer
You are going to meet a very important person next week who will be able to get you that job you have always dreamed of. So try to budget you time wisely and get some sleep over the weekend so that you make a great first impression!

Leo
Love is in the air for you this weekend. When you take a break from studying go somewhere you do not frequent often. It is here that you will meet the person of your dreams.

Virgo
You and your best friend are going to have a huge fight at the end of this week. While it will be upsetting try not to let this argument bother you because the two of you will resolve your differences before leaving school for summer break.

Libra
The stress of finals and finding a job for summer vacation will have you nearly tearing your hair out this weekend. Rather than give in to these anxieties, take a break from studying and relax outside. You will be surprised at how greatly the beautiful weather will calm your weary mind.

Scorpio
You will be confronted by a friend to participate in something with which you do not morally agree. If you Stick to your beliefs and don't let your friends persuade you to do otherwise your actions will be rewarded.

Sagittarius
You are going to have to make a sacrifice this weekend, which is going to force you to change the plans that you had made weeks ago. However, don't be bitter about this sudden change in plans because it will be for a phenomenal cause.

Capricorn
You are going to have to choose between studying for finals or going on an excursion with your friends this weekend. While the latter would obviously be more enjoyable, studying for your finals will be the most beneficial for your future.

Aquarius
You are going to hear something about a good friend of yours later this week. While you will debate over whether or not you should tell this person what you heard. Try to remember that gossip may not always be true, but the person being spoken about has a right to know what is being said.

Pisces
You are going to receive some disappointing news this weekend. However, don't let this news get you down because this disappointment will offer you more opportunities at success in the future.

Creative Corner
"No Escape"
by Christian Drumm

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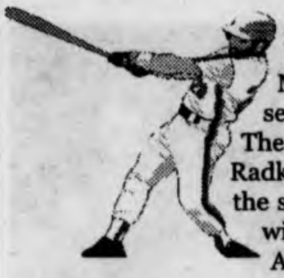
Outside the Bubble

Compiled by Brian Talbott



MLB – On Monday night, the Twins beat the New York Yankees, 2-1. Doug Mientkiewicz hit a home run in the seventh inning, breaking the tie score. The Yankees just couldn't recover. Brad Radke pitched his second complete game of the season and became the first five-game winner in the major leagues defeating Andy Pettitte of the Yankees.

NBA - On Monday, Apr. 30 the San Antonio Spurs defeated the Minnesota Timberwolves from their first round series. Tim Duncan scored 24 points while David Robinson added 21 to the 97-84 victory, but it was the three pointers by Danny Ferry and Antonio Daniel that gave the Spurs the edge to hold on. Minnesota coach Flip Saunders became the first in NBA history to lose in the first round five seasons in a row.

PGA – Scott Hoch won the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic on Sunday, the first title he's won in the last four years and his ninth career title. Hoch, shooting a final round 69, began the day leading by one shot, and ended up beating Brett Quigley and Scott Simpson by one stroke despite a bogey on the eighteenth hole.

Hockey - In Cologne, Germany, the United States was shut out by Latvia on Monday night, 2-0. Arturs Irbe stopped the U.S.'s 42 shots. Aleksandrs Kercs scored for Latvia, which lost its first game to Sweden 5-2. The U.S. defeated Ukraine, 6-3, in the opening round, will go against Sweden on Wednesday in the final preliminary-round game.

Women's golf wins the first tournament in Centennial Conference history

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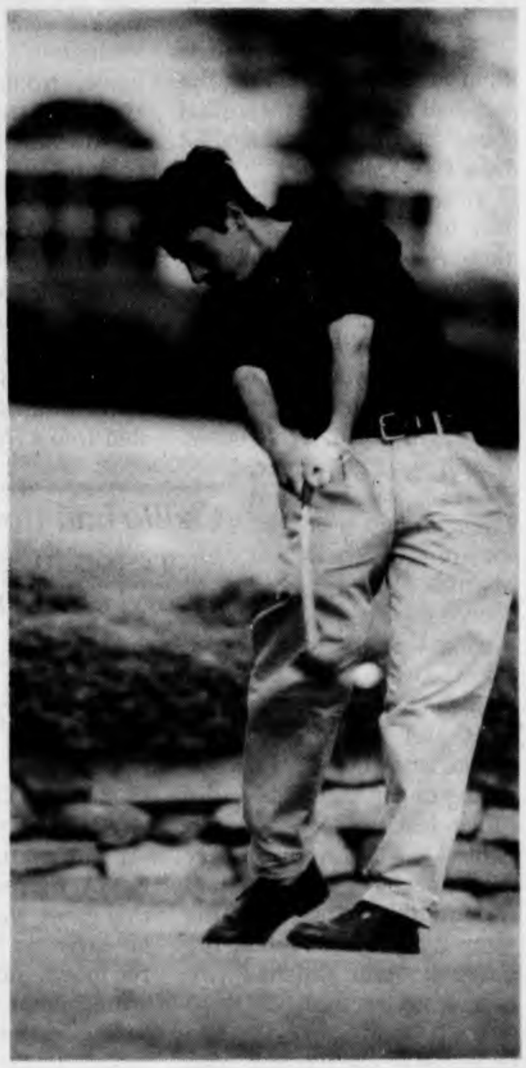
Berman placed first overall making him the first Muhlenberg athlete to finish in first at a conference meet in over a decade. Head coach Jeff Tipping said Berman has "consistently been the low scorer" not only this season, but "for four years." In three rounds, Berman shot a 232 putting him two strokes ahead of teammate Jesse Neider '04 who finished in second place overall. Berman is an All-American nominee.

As a team, the Mules shot the two best rounds of the tournament with a 308 an 309. The 27 stroke lead the Mules had after the first two days of competition was only increased as the Mules shot a 323 on the third day and finished 33 strokes ahead of second place team, Gettysburg. Tipping called the win "quite an achievement, especially considering the conditions." According to Tipping, the course at Ocean City was very difficult because of the ocean winds.

Freshman Matt Katz finished in a tie for fourth place and Senior Steven Moore finished sixth, bringing the total to four golfers to finish in the top ten individually.

The team win for the Mules gave them their third CC Championship in five years. Together, Berman and Moore provided "very critical leadership" this season and have been "two great captions," said Tipping.

Since there is no automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament in golf, the Mules are "most likely" finished with their season, according to Tipping. The women's team is also finished with their season.



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Senior Matt Berman helped bring the team to first place in the Conference by finishing first.

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Women's lacrosse looks to future with bright optimism

By Lindsay Barad
Weekly Sports Writer

The woman's lacrosse team ended their season away at Susquehanna on Wednesday with a 8-14 loss. Although the team ended their season with a loss, they are proud of their hard work.

The Mules trailed Susquehanna, the fifth ranked team in the region, by only two goals early in the second half, but they weren't able to come back. Sophomore Lynsey Caldwell ended her season by tying a school record with four assists and scoring two goals; Senior Miruna Lovin ended her career with three more goals, making her school record a total of 195 points. Sophomore Sarah Bowman also had three goals. Goalie Stephanie Ahrens had 12 saves.

With an overall record of 3-11 and 2-7 in the Centennial Conference, the woman's lacrosse team looks forward to next year.

Head Coach Kristen Stuckel said, "We had excellence on the field and saw great improvements throughout the season. We played as a cohesive team this season and cannot always measure ourselves in the win-loss column. Our seniors will be definitely missed for their contributions on the field next season."

The players believe that although strong seniors are leaving, with their younger potential, they plan on improving for seasons to come.

Baseball closes season with loss against Delaware Valley

BY MICHAEL BILLET
Weekly Sports Writer

As ten seniors played their final game of their career, the baseball team lost their final game of the season against Delaware Valley 12-7.

Delaware Valley scored one run in the first inning and three runs in the third inning, making the score 4-0 by the fourth. The Mules were unable to muster any offense early in the game, but had an onslaught of hits by Seniors Marcus Mattielli, Dylan Sapir, Garret Pachtinger, James Barski and Michael Cirillo in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh inning and scored their seven runs during this stretch to take the lead.

Josh Carter knocked in two runs and scored, setting a school record of 38 runs in a season. Unfortunately, the Mules lost the lead they had gained as Delaware Valley scored seven runs in the final two innings, putting the game away for good. Overall, the baseball team finished two games under .500 at 17-19 overall and .500 in the Centennial Conference with the record of 9-9.

Last Thursday, the Mules won against Swarthmore 15-9. This was their final home game of the season. John Ziegler picked up his first win of the season as he pitched the first five innings. Pachtinger, David Wolf, and Sapir each had two RBI's apiece, while Barksi scored twice. Seth Weinstein closed out the game, striking out two to give the Mules the victory.

Additionally, two records were broken. Cirillo had three assists from shortstop to tie the school record of 104 in a season. Carter stole three bases and scored two runs to become the second player in team history to cross home plate 100 times.

On Saturday, the Mules visited Johns Hopkins to take on the Blue Jays in a double header. The Blue Jays were one victory away from the Centennial Conference title, and the win would give them an automatic berth to the NCAA tournament. In the first game, the Blue Jays took an early 3-1 lead, going into the fourth inning. The Mules scored one run in the fourth inning and one run in the fifth inning, to tie the score at 3 a piece entering the sixth. In the sixth inning, the Mules took command of the game, scoring four runs. Carter ignited the Mules as he hit a two-run single in the top of the sixth inning.

Cirillo had three assists from shortstop to tie the school record of 104 in a season.

The Blue Jays were resilient though and fought back, scoring three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. However, that was not enough. Senior Tim Haberbusch got the final out of the inning to earn the complete game win in his final career start.

In the second game, the Mules lost to the Blue Jays, 15-4. Johns Hopkins bats got hot as they had 17 hits and 15 runs in the second game of the double-header. After a scoreless first inning by both teams, Johns Hopkins scored eight runs in the second inning and three more runs in the third inning making the score 11-0, putting the game away for good.

Senior Mike Barnard hit a three run bomb down the left field line to give the Blue Jays a 8-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning. Senior Yani Rosenberg pitched five innings for the Blue Jays and was unhittable as he struck out four batters. J.R. Taylor led the Blue Jays in the second game, going three for four with three runs scored and two RBI's.

With this win, the Blue Jays captured the Centennial Conference championship, and a berth in the NCAA Championships.

:Mule Minutes

Courtesy of Sports Information Web Site

On Tuesday Apr. 24 the women's tennis team defeated Moravian 9-0. The Mules tied a school record with their 11th win of the season by blanking their local rivals, who play their regular season in the fall. Senior Kerri Waldowski, playing in the final home match of her career, recorded an 8-3 win at No. 2 singles and teamed with Freshman Sarah Niebler for an 8-1 victory at No. 2 doubles. Freshman Megan Schreiber won her 11th straight singles match, tying a school record with her 12th win of the spring

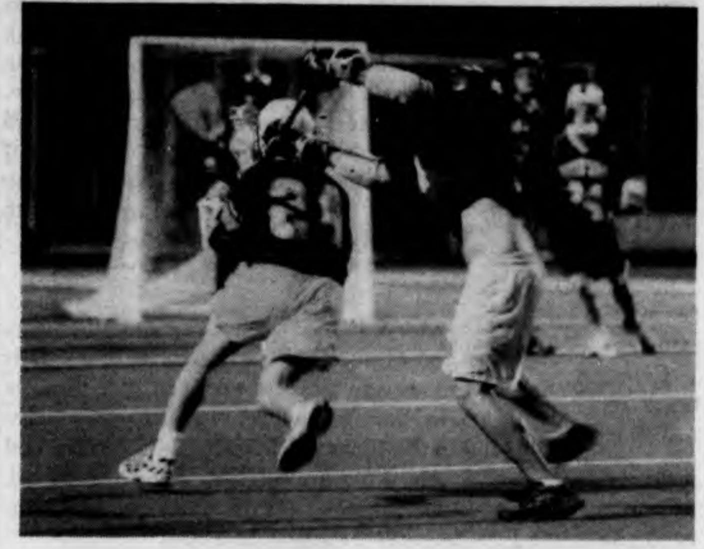
Wednesday, Apr. 25 – The Mules lost in three sets at each of the top two singles spots and dropped their final match of the season against Washington (Md.) with a score of 6-3. Muhlenberg's singles winners were Schreiber, who set a school record with her 13th win of the season, and Junior Jennifer Chung, who tied a school record with her 22nd win (combined singles and doubles) of the season.

On Saturday, Apr. 28 at the Centennial Conference Individual Championships, Waldowski closed out her career by advancing to the quarterfinals before losing in straight sets to the No. 1 seed. The second-seeded doubles team of Freshman Mackenzie Parke and Chung was ousted in the quarterfinals.

On Saturday, Apr. 28, the Track and Field team traveled to TCNJ Lions' Invitational. Muhlenberg low-keyed it in its final tuneup for the Centennial Conference Championships. The top individual finishers were Senior Katrina Beck (second place in the high jump), Junior Will Elson (third in the 400), Freshman Richard Kipp (third in the 800) and Junior Jim Hayes (third in the javelin).

Through the Lens:

Men's lacrosse



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Correction: Last week the women's lacrosse article was printed with the wrong byline. Lindsay Barad is the author, not Cheryl Godfrey.

Muhlenberg Football Team needs Managers for the '01 Season
If interested, stop by the Football office or call Coach Knarr at x3390

Profile of a Mule

Cohen sprints to new heights with team not too far behind

By Courtney Russell
Weekly Sports Writer

Freshman Josh Cohen and his teammates will stop at nothing to bring the track and field program to newfound levels of excellence. His numerous records, along with a positive attitude toward the team will contribute to this constant transformation.

Cohen found his skills in track and field when he was only a young child, participating in day camp sports. He did well in many events, and from then on continued to persevere.

Although he participated in track in middle school and high school, he never was involved with such a rigorous program as Muhlenberg's. He said here it is "a lot more serious, intense, and difficult" than what he was used to. Cohen decided to come here after Coach Brad Hackett persuaded him, assuring him that "the track program would be improving a great deal over the next several years."

He believes that this improvement is due to several reasons. This year is the first year that the track and field program has actually recruited team members. Therefore, the level of skill has been higher than in the past. Also, there have been so many positive role models helping the team. The older players have set very good examples. Cohen expressed, "They get us to be team players and to supportive of one another." He's also finding himself to be in a leadership position, even though he's only a freshman. He definitely tries to set a good example both in and out of practice.

Cohen puts a great deal of effort into maintaining his level of skill. During practice, Hackett has the team doing various activities, such as jump circuits, where they jump up and down for twenty minutes straight. They also lift weights immediately after practice. They are constantly improving themselves.

Because of all of this intense work, Cohen has been able to break (or help break in various relays) six school records. They include the indoor 400, indoor 500, indoor 4 x 400, indoor 4 x 200, indoor distance medley relay, and finally the outdoor 4 x 400. He hopes to continue breaking many more records along with his teammates.

Cohen truly believes that the team has improved exponentially this past year and will continue to do so in the future. He hopes to win the Centennial Conference Championship by his junior year, in either indoor or outdoor track or cross-country.

Right now Cohen is looking ahead to Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 4 through 6, when the Mules will host the CC Championships for the first time in school history. He believes that the team has the potential to place at least 2nd overall, and will do well in many individual events. He hopes that "people will come out and support the team and support the program."

Besides sports, Cohen is interested in art as it is his major. He also likes to watch ice hockey and is a big New Jersey Devils fan. This summer he plans to go to the beach party.

Softball prepares for NCAA with 23-15 overall record and 12-4 CC record

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championship game. DeLucia pitched her third tournament win with a four-hitter. Freshman Kate Dischino singled home Maser with the winning run of the game in the fourth inning.

Kostelnick expressed, "I thought it was a very even match. They've come a long way. We know they would be tough, they have some of the leading players in the conference. But we just knew that we had to be better. I really believe that player for player we are the better team, and we proved it on Sunday."

Previously in the season, the Mules had split the double header with Gettysburg, 1-4 and 4-1. Gettysburg had advanced to the tournament by defeated fellow conference foe Ursinus, 6-4. All six tournament games, held at Western Maryland, were decided by a grand total of only eight runs.

"It was a great feeling winning the tournament. What made it even better was the celebration afterwards. It was different than last year, where we basically knew we were going to win. This was a tournament, each lost game put someone that much closer to being kicked out," said Kostelnick. "In the championship game, once we got to the seventh inning and got that second out, everyone's face just lit up. We were all just waiting for that last out. We knew we were going to win. It's been great winning twice in a row, when some people never get to do it."

The team, entering the tournament as the third seed, received an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs, beginning on May 11th.

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the deciding set, Richman fell 6-3, and was eliminated. He ended his outstanding career with a record of 84-41-2 for the Mules.

Other Mules who participated in the Centennial Conference Individual Championships were Sophomore Cameron Parke and Freshman Brian Barkauskas. As the other Mules doubles team, Barkauskas and Parke fell in the first round to the Gettysburg doubles team. In singles, Parke and Scheller both got into the second round before falling.

The tournament concluded the season for the men's tennis team. After a slow start, the team rebounded to win seven of their final nine matches to finish with a 9-6 overall record and a 5-3 mark and (5th place) in the CC.

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Track qualifies people for nationals

Junior Will Elson qualified for the NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships this week without even lacing up his sneakers. The NCAA adjusted the provisional qualifying standard for the 800 meters to 1:53.74, up from 1:52.74. Elson, shown here winning the 800 at the 2000 Centennial Championships, ran a 1:53.01 last weekend at the Lafayette Invitational. That is believed to be the fourth-best time in Division III this season. The automatic qualifying standard is 1:51.66. Elson becomes the second Mule to qualify for the NCAAs. Senior high jumper Katrina Beck has met the provisional standard of 1.64meters (5-4½) and needs to jump 1.68 (5-6) to qualify automatically. Her current best height of 1.66 meters (5-5¼) is the 12th-best in Division III. The NCAA Championships are scheduled to be held May 24-26 at Millikin University in Decatur, Ill.

Luongo named pitcher of the week

Senior Paul Luongo has been Centennial Conference pitcher of the week after tossing two complete-game victories in a four-day span. He allowed only eight hits and walked just one over nine innings against Dickinson, then five-hit Franklin & Marshall. For the week, Luongo pitched 16 innings, allowing 13 hits and three runs. He leads the Mule pitching staff with a 4-1 record and 2.73 ERA.

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Softball sweeps Centennial Conference

Team breaks 20 wins for 6th time in history

By Cheryl Godfrey and Brian Talbott

The softball team has just wrapped up an incredible week, having won its second consecutive Centennial Conference title, and only the second title in team history.

The team began the week against Swarthmore on Monday. Swarthmore fell 8-0 to the mighty bat of the Mules. Freshman Danielle DeLucia pitched her second shutout of the season, leading the Mules to win. Freshmen Amanda Ibey and Jaclyn Maser each had three hits and drove in two runs each.

The team traveled to Ursinus on Tuesday, Apr. 23, closing their regular season with a split. The Mules lost their first game 3-1, but came back to sweep them 8-0 in the second game of the double-header. This game marked the team's 20th win of the season, making this only the sixth time in school history this has happened. DeLucia pitched her third shutout this season. Junior Elizabeth Kostelnick, who recorded her 100th career hit, drove the single in the fifth inning that clinched the game.

On Saturday, April 28th, the first day of the Centennial Conference Tournament, the team clinched their spot in the championship game as the crushed Ursinus 5-3 and Gettysburg 3-2.

Ibey hit her first career homerun against Ursinus, giving the mules a 4-1 lead in the third inning. Kostelnick nailed an insurance run the fourth inning while DeLucia clinched the game by shutting out the last four innings.

Ibey also completed a crucial hit in the second game of the day, as she broke a no-hitter with a triple in the fifth, also scoring on a pitching error. Junior Elizabeth Kostlenick increased her RBI total, as she doubled in the sixth inning of the second game to score the game-winning runs.

Playing in the tournament has really brought the girls together. Junior Elizabeth Kostelnick shared, "We're a very close knit bunch of girls. Everyone is so supportive of everyone else. All sixteen of us are one person. We all know what we want and we can't get anywhere without one another."

On Sunday, the team faced off against Gettysburg in the

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Photo by Susan Toth

The softball team poses with their new plaque after winning the Centennial Conference Championship for the second year in a row.

Men's and women's golf win Centennials

By Sarah Niebler
Weekly Sports Writer

Both the women and men's golf teams captured first place in their respective Centennial Conference Championships over the weekend proving their status as an extremely strong team in the conference.

This year was the first for the women's tournament in the conference. The Mules secured first over the two-day tournament, having two golfers finish in the top ten. Junior Jennifer Risley finished in second place overall with an even 200 over 36 holes. Freshman Erin DeVaney joined her teammate in the top ten ,finishing seventh with a score of 232. Other golfers competing for the Mules were Amber Nelson, Katy Baker, and Kate Stampler.

Since the College sent five golfers and only four scores counted per day, the Mules were able to count the four lowest scores each round of the tournament. Risley said it was "nice that everyone on the team contributed."

Overall, the Mules finished with a score of 922, which was good enough to place them twelve strokes ahead of second-place Gettysburg and bring the inaugural Centennial Conference Women's Golf Tournament title to Muhlenberg. Behind the Mules and Gettysburg were Dickinson College in third place and Ursinus College in fourth. Franklin & Marshall and Western Maryland did not send enough golfers to qualify for the team title. Risley commented that the victory was especially nice since "no one expected a win."

The men's golf team brought home the Centennial Conference Championship last weekend as well. They played at Eagles Landing Golf Course in Ocean City, MD, a neutral site for all Conference schools. Senior Matt

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Men's tennis sends four to CC Individual Championship

By Justin Deutsch
Weekly Sports Writer

Senior Robby Richman and Sophomore Brad Scheller made it all the way to the championship match in doubles at the eighth annual Centennial Conference Individual Championships, held at Franklin & Marshall this past weekend. Richman and Scheller, the top doubles seed in the tournament, were defeated by Washington's doubles tandem of Bart Prytula and Peter Taylor, 6-3, 6-4 in the final.

Richman and Scheller had to defeat doubles teams from Johns Hopkins, Washington and Franklin & Marshall to get to the championship match. Richman found their most difficult test on the way to the final match was against Washington. In that quarter-final match, Richman and Scheller held on against Washington's Louis Blanchette and Tom Budimir, 9-8, (8-6). Following an easy doubles victory in the semifinals against host Franklin & Marshall, Richman and Scheller found themselves in the championship match. Even with the loss, they still concluded the spring season with an impressive record of 13-3 as a doubles tandem.

Richman also made a run for the championship in singles. After receiving a bye in the first round, he got past the second round with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Franklin & Marshall's Manay Patnaik. In the quarterfinals, Richman had a three set match against Washington's Blanchette. After falling in the first set 6-4 Richman was able to extend the match with a tiebreak victory in the second set 5-7. In

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